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Chapter 1: Crimson Haired Red Dragon Emperor

From this point on, what is told consists of top secret circumstances known only to a small number of highly important people—.

Though these are important events, it is something that must not by any means be made public……the time may come though when the truth contained within this information may be useful.

Therefore, in the case that something were to happen to me, I am purposefully recording this to serve as an intermediary.

Even though I earnestly desire that this shall never be released, I shall commence the account.

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The events began following fierce fighting with the 'Khaos Brigade', and around the time when some level of calmness had finally been recovered.

I—Azazel, for the sake of confirming *something that had been reported* by my students, late that night, accompanied Rias and company as they were mobilized at that time.

I had been informed about it from them.

—Recently, strange **things** have been appearing frequently within the territory of the Gremory household.

That was what had been discussed with me. At the very least it did not appear to be Stray Devils.

When I had first heard about it, I had high expectations that it was the 'Khaos Brigade', or if not them then Sacred Gear owners in the vicinity that had been influenced by the 'Khaos Brigade'.

I happened late at night two days after that discussion. From Akeno, on an emergency channel—

'Sensei, that thing we mentioned before has appeared. For the sake of identification, shouldn't you be present here?'

Having received the communication, I arrived at the approximate location I'd been informed of with a single jump through the transportation-type magic circle. During the discussion, Irina had also expressed an interest in participating in battle against this enigmatic enemy.

Given that immediately after transporting I sensed Rias and company's demonic power—the waves of their aura, I spread my wings and flew to their location.

That location was an abandoned house on the outskirts of Kuou Town. At this deserted location, the light from the solitary electric lamp failed to light up the area. Already it seemed that fighting had broken out, as I could confirm the use of offensive demonic power.

The moment I arrived at the position of Rias and company, she was just delivering her Gremory speech.

"Miscreants, those who have intruded into my jurisdiction. In the name of the Duke of Gremory, you will all be blown away! …… Although I'm saying this at this point I'm doubtful if you are even capable of comprehending my words."

As a result of Rias's decision, Ise and company fixed their stances. Somehow or another, it seemed as if they had been arguing until just now. Ise had also changed into his armor.

I looked ahead and to the left, where illuminated in the light under the electric lamp——was something with a silver-colored body that was standing there…….

It was barely humanoid. By barely, I mean that it had four limbs and was standing on two legs like a human, but that is all that can be said of similarity between their appearances. It was unknown was what it was composed of.

It's entire body was one shade of silver, the surface appearing hard like the exoskeleton of an insect, which emitted a brilliant lustre. At first glance it appeared to be a machine, but the thing's outer skin formed smooth curves, which would lead one to assume that it was a living creature.

The back of the head protruded from the head itself, just like the rumors of 'gray space aliens' that were spread among humans, there were five of what appeared to be the thing's eyes (which were reminiscent of an insect's compound eyes), and neither a nose or mouth could be found.

More than anything else——its aura couldn't be sensed at all. From this fellow, I could sense something being released from its body. However, the energy that we were sensing from it, it was clearly a completely different kind of energy. There wasn't even any indication that it was breathing.

Squaring off against the enigmatic creature, each of the members of the Occult Research Club similarly showed an extremely complex expression, being completing bewildered by the body that was before them.

……Well, I was also troubled on how to comment upon seeing such an entirely indescribable opponent. To begin with, over the course of my long life, this was my first time encountering that kind of thing.

That's right, this guy……was a subject that stimulated my researcher's curiosity.

Ise asked me about the unpleasant opponent.

"……Sensei, this thing, what is it? A machine? A demon?"

I replied in an instant.

"I don't know. It's my first time seeing this as well. It doesn't seem to be a machine or a demon. Anyway……shouldn't we capture it for examination. You guys, can you catch it without damaging it as much as possible?"

Receiving my instruction, Rias was bewildered, yet nodded her head in acknowledgement.

"……Seeing as it has already challenged us, there's no way we can simply ignore it. ——Koneko."

"……Yes."

Hearing Rias's command, Koneko took a single step forward.

……To begin with, she chose a striker huh. It was easily to understood that this was a good method for judging the type of material.

I provided additional instructions to Koneko.

"Koneko, give it a single punch loaded with a reasonable amount of Touki [1]."

"……Understood."

While displaying some light footwork, Koneko waited for the opponent to show an opening……. The opponent didn't move at all. It didn't display a single movement. That was much too ominous.

Koneko closed the gap and delivered a single punch to the opponent's abdomen.

——A sound like a hammer striking metal resounded throughout the area.

A metallic impact? As expected, is it a metal——machine?

"……"

Koneko jumped back, returning to where we were. She was staring fixedly at the fist she had just punched with.

Koneko spoke in a subdued whisper.

"……It was similar to striking a lump of rubber."

……That's, surprising. The sound on impact is that of metal yet it

feels like rubber? Its true nature has become even more increasingly difficult to understand!

——Then, the opponent began to move. With its head trembling ever so slightly——the five pale eyes shifted to a dangerous shade of red!!

"That's! Everyone scatter! Azazel you too, evade!"

Rias quickly issued an order to everyone.

Sensing danger to myself as well, I spread my wings and flew into the midnight sky! Casting my gaze down upon the enigmatic being, as I patiently observed——as a previously unseen pattern revealed itself on its entire body, a red beam was fired from each of its five eyes!!

Those guys that were here, despite being young they also had done a splendid job evading that carnage, seemingly taking no notice of such a half-hearted attack. ——However, the red beams that had been fired, the light flexibly curved its trajectories!!

Akeno yelled.

"Please be careful! That light can move freely like a whip!"

The red light, seemingly possessing its own will as it move left and right through the air like confused tire tracks drawn on a highway, swooped down on us.

"Kuu!"

Receiving a single shot, Rossweisse spread out a defensive magic circle in front of her repelling——. No, not only did Rossweisse's magic circle not repel the the red beam, it slipped straight through the magic circle as though it didn't even care about it! It slipped through a defensive magic circle!? When it comes to Rossweisse's magic circle, at the very least it ought have been developed with defensive measures against every phenomenon. The magic formula she had compiled was capable of dealing with both physical attacks and magical attacks.

——And yet it had slipped right through it?

If that was the case, that it wasn't physical or magical, wouldn't that mean it was an attack born from an entirely different system of knowledge? No no, that's impossible! Apart from the Norse Mythology system of magic there is no other mythological system as advanced in this area. Therefore for it to have slipped through the magic circle of Rossweisse who was an elite——.

Rossweisse instantly used defensive body movements on herself to avoid the red beam, establishing some distance from it.

The other members of the ORC were driven throughout the sky by the other red beams.

"Kuh! What a nuisance!"

"Mou! What is this!"

Xenovia and Irina were wielding their specialized weapons to clear away the red beams.

……The attacks from holy swords were capable of cutting them?

"Damnit! Dragon Shot!"

Ise fired an extra large sphere of demonic power aimed at the opponent. Fired at tremendous speed, this single attack from the Sekiryuutei scored a direct hit upon the mysterious silver creature ——. It didn't even try to avoid it.

Giving rise to the sound and fumes of an explosion, the opponent ——in the center of a crater created by the impact, was scattered into pieces. The four limbs had been plucked off, and the head had been severed from the torso.

……Did that do it? No, even though I said it had been scattered there were no bodily fluids pouring out of it. ……Just what on earth was this guy……?

Rias narrowed her eyes without dropping her guard.

"……With this"

Just as Rias spoke, the enigmatic creature that ought to have been scattered——from its torso, from the severed limbs, countless thin tentacle like objects extended. The tentacles from the cross section of the arms approached those extending from the cross section of the torso——and fused together!!

The arms with the torso, the legs with the waist, each was successively tied to the other, restoring it to its original appearance!

"Kuh!"

Rushing in, Kiba severed the tentacles that had fused together with his Holy-Demonic Sword——but before long they resumed their regeneration.

Rossweisse spoke up at this point.

"It is the same as before. Temporarily, it can be defeated, but it then immediately revives. Moreover, when it comes to ordinary attacks, they cannot inflict even a single injury upon its body."

……Even though it had certainly received Ise's attack, its body had only been scattered without a single wound being inflicted upon the surface, which was still releasing that damn brilliance. Well, if these guys were to get serious without paying any mind to the surroundings, it seems that not only this thing, but the entire neighborhood likely wouldn't be able to withstand it.

I spoke to Rossweisse.

"Freeze it."

Seemingly understanding my instructions, Rossweisse expanded a magic circle, from which a cold air filled the surroundings, freezing the enigmatic creature. The movement of the tentacles gradually weakened. Losing the brightness in its five eyes, it finally ceased functioning——.

Descending to surround the silver creature, we proceeded with the recovery plan while sensing a bad feeling.

This, for us, was our first contact with the enigmatic creature——.

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Since capturing the enigmatic creature, several days have passed.

Showing my face in the ORC clubroom, I made my report to the members. Right, they had all just finished with their Devil's jobs.

Deploying a projection-type magic circle from my hand, I showed everyone a 3D image of the aforementioned creature. Simply put, it was the completed information on the silver creature. Well, as of yet nothing could be said other than it was unidentifiable.

Ise spoke while watching the rotating 3D image being projected.

"……This thing, what the heck is it supposed to be?"

I shook my head from side to side.

"I don't know. Even for myself having lived so long, this is my first time seeing something like this. Even from a simple examination, it is not a creature affiliated with any religious system. Even old man Odin and that guy Zeus have just about given up on it. They are saying we need to hand over additional samples. It has caught the major attention of every power's research institutions."

For the time being, the Grigori research facility was continuing its investigations. As part of the relationship involving the alliance of the Three Great Powers, researchers from both the side of heaven and the devils had been dispatched, and were investigating together……but since they couldn't even ascertain the *composition of the material*, they had all given up.

……Well, to some extent that could be determined just from a visual examination. That is to say, it was not a substance found in this world.

Rias then asked.

"What about the report from Onii-sama and Ajuka Beelzebub-sama?"

"Sirzechs also doesn't know anything about it. As for Ajuka……I've been told he's still investigating."

Though I say that about Ajuka, if it's that Maou then it may very well be possible he has already understood what it is.

"……It's as if it were a fusion of organic matter and metal, like a combination of a machine and an organism……"

So said Koneko.

……Indeed, that perception can't be said to be wrong, but it may be hasty to make judgements based on our own limited viewpoints.

As I turned off the projection

"Well, that's the report on what we understand. Just in case, get in contact with me if you encounter something like that again. Until then it's okay to continue as usual."

Leaving it at that, I left the clubroom.

After departing the clubroom, I proceeded on foot to a vast space established beneath Kuou Town. It's the one that was produced by Rias's family. Designed for the sake of being used during an emergency, as well as including an exceedingly large space for the sake of allowing the train to pass back and forth to the underworld, it was made up of countless rooms of various sizes. If someone were to enter this dimly lit place, it seems almost certain they'd lose their way.

As for me, I finally managed to reach this one room.

As a matter of fact, this evening, I had come here at the request of a certain communication.

'I have business with those things that have been occurring frequently in your town. I'll be waiting for you in the underground of Kuou Town. I ask that you come entirely alone. Regarding the location——'

——So said the voice of a young man that had been transmitted to my private line.

……I had not informed anyone other than the leaders of the Grigori of this confidential line. I hadn't even taught Rias and company how to use this line……who on earth was this person?

Although I was carrying such suspicions, I was waiting here. …… Although I ought to have 'Slash Dog' along as a guard, I was alone just as I had been instructed. Against my better judgement I faithfully obeyed. Well, in any case I could always escape through the transportation-type magic circle whose formula I had prepared in advance.

After waiting for a few minutes——.

Sensing a presence behind me I looked back——and what had appeared there were two of the aforementioned silver creatures.

……A trap? Geez, and I had been so careful. I was honestly such a fool to have put faith in that line. Could this be due to the influence of Ise and company?

Well, that is something to bear in hind huh. I formed a spear of light in my hand.

As I squared off against them, I pondered. ……These guys, they were the ones who had learned of my line? No, it would appear that whoever these guys' superiors were had been aware of my line. When it comes to a line that only the leaders of the Grigori were aware of……there was no reason to suspect anyone who was a mere subordinate.

While letting out a sigh my ear detected a strange sound.

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〈GUGEGEGEGEGEGEGE〉

……Hoh, some 'voice'-like thing was being emitted. Since there was no mouth, I had absolutely no idea from where it was being produced…….

I pointed the tip of my spear at the opponent and spoke.

"So it would be apt to say I've been targeted separately. ……You guys, since you haven't acted against any of the other mythological systems, your aim must be us then right?"

To I who was asking, those guys spoke while shuddering ever so slightly.

〈Gigagagagaga, Aza, zel, Rias, Gremory, gigagaga〉

〈Gugegegegege, Hyoudou Asia, Hyoudou Issei Gremory, gugegegege〉

The voice was mechanical sounding. ……As expected, is it a machine? Rather than that, just now it had spoken our names. The fact that they were targeting us, this is now obvious but……. There was something the voice had said that concerned me.

——Hyoudou Asia? Hyoudou Issei Gremory?

Could I have misheard? Or else could the other party have misunderstood? Although that may be the case…….

The two silver creatures' five eyes began to shine with a dangerous red light. They intended to use the previous tentacle of light attack!! Preparing my spear, I was considering deploying the escape-type magic circle!

——Then, it was at that moment. A third party voice resounded throughout the room.

"To think these guys would come so quickly to the meeting. Is this a good omen, or an evil one?"

At that moment, one of the silver creatures——starting from the head, it was bisected vertically! The cause was a single holy sword flickering with a tremendous holy aura!

The creature that had been cut cleanly in two collapsed, and from behind it a young boy wielding a holy sword was revealed! Regarding the holy sword, its form was exactly like Durandal.

Furthermore yet another voice was heard!

"Get down, Zen."

Hearing that voice, the young boy in possession of Durandal leapt to the side. At the same moment a thunderbolt was formed above the head of the remaining silver creature.

"――Holy lightning"

Together with the voice, dazzling holy lightning fell upon the silver creature! The magnificent lightning strike fried its body all over! When the lightning strike ceased, all that was left there was the cinders of the humanoid.

They had very easily handled those guys who we had been unable to wound easily!

The two boys who had defeated the two silver creatures stood before me.

Along with the boy in possession of the holy sword, there was a slender boy with black hair. ……They each had faces that were somewhat reminiscent.

The black haired boy bowed to me.

"It's nice to meet you, Azazel……Founding Governor General-dono."

"Holy lightning……a holy sword resembling Durandal. You guys are ――"

In response to my question the black haired boy began with a self-introduction.

"Founding Governor General Azazel-dono, regarding my name I am called Himejima Kurenai."

At this point he boy in possession of the holy sword continued.

"I am called Zen Quarta."

……I was surprised at the surnames of the two, while simultaneously I began to grasp an understanding as well.

The black haired boy——Himejima Kurenai spoke.

"We are from approximately thirty years into the future from now ——we are the children of the Sekiryuutei Hyoudou Issei."

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I had not been surprised by the sudden confession the two boys had told me, but rather I came to grips with what they had said relatively quickly.

……Well, generally speaking, it wouldn't be strange if 30 years from now a demonic power, magic, or technique researched by the Grigori were to be developed allowing for travel through time.

Myself personally, fearing a perversion of history, wouldn't so much as set foot into such a field. Hence, I had not been seriously striving to achieve it……and yet the one who had researched such a thing, had been none other than my future self.

These two had called themselves the children of Ise……in all likelihood, the mother of the black haired boy was Akeno, while the mother of the Holy Sword possessor was Xenovia, or so it would seem at the very least. Both of their appearances were of handsome boys that looked just like their mothers.

Just as I thought of this much, I inquired of the two boys.

"……Regarding what that was, it would be nice if you could explain it concisely."

The black haired boy——Himejima Kurenai spoke.

"Just now, those mysterious creatures that are infesting this place ——they are things that came from the future."

The boy in possession of the Holy Sword——Zen Quarta continued.

"Regarding its true identity——they are creatures from a parallel

dimension. Among ourselves, we have designated them as "UL"[2]. It is an abbreviation for "Underworld's Lifeform".

……I see, so that's how it was huh.

Just as I had somewhat suspected, those creatures were not of this world. If someone were to say they were creatures from a parallel dimension, that would be something I could very much consent to. And on top of that, they were from the future. This was also something I could consent to. That such things had abruptly started appearing and whatnot, this was not the case at all. Since the devils were observing the dimensional gap, I would have been informed if there had been any dimensional fluctuations.

That wasn't the case at this time——. The things these boys were saying were astounding, to the point that I think they would lead to various arguments if it was anyone apart from myself.

"As for this parallel dimension, by any chance, is there some connection to the Chichigami Ise encountered?"

I inquired as such. During the battle with the evil god Loki, Ise, through use of Pailingual[3][4], had communicated with a Seirei in service to the Chichigami. Because of this, in addition to the entire mythological world becoming aware of us, it caught the interest of a group of researchers who were saying 'Doesn't this demonstrate the existence of an entirely different parallel dimension?'

"Yes, that is the case."

——Such was Kurenai's exceedingly calm reply.

……I could do nothing but hold hold my hand to my forehead. Was this simply inevitable? Or else…….

"You were saying that something happened in the future?"

Shaking my head to pull my thoughts together, I inquired. Well, precisely because something had happened in the future, it seems the effects reached even this time period. To start with I should probably inquire as to the situation.

Kurenai began narrating.

"For the sake of not creating too much of a time paradox, I cannot explain it in detail, but, thirty years from now, a great battle called 'The Malevolent God War' is occurring within our world."

"……Well, it's possible to guess the gist of the main point. Things like malevolent gods and demons have teamed up and launched some kind of invasion against us, am I right?"

I spoke with that sort of sarcasm. Zen Quarta also smiled bitterly.

He spoke a little.

"Yes, as a result of the peace you have accumulated, each of the future societies willingly cooperated with the other societies. Naturally, during this time there were also sever battles frequently but……through the sacrifice of father and the others they were all defeated."

That's……not pleasant at all. From here on out I should put all my effort into acts of peace. No, since it would perhaps be too much strain to try and change history, I should put such thoughts out of my mind.

Kurenai continued.

"They, the ones who have been supporting the demons and malevolent gods from behind——were evil gods from a parallel dimension. The 'UL' that you encountered some time ago, they are soldiers manufactured by the evil gods from the parallel dimension. Please think of them as being that are a fusion of mechanical and living creatures."[5]

……Evil gods from a parallel dimension, huh. Somehow or another, it seems the world of the future has heaps of issues of its own. From now on I'll be troubling over this.

Nodding, I inquired further.

"The future circumstances have become clear. Well then, for what reason did those 'UL' and you guys come to this time period? Isn't

there a reason?"

I go to the heart of the matter. Indeed, The incident from the future had been made clear. However, why is the present day also being influenced by that? Why did the so called 'UL' and these guys come to this time period?

Kurenai calmly spoke.

"——The evil god Loki from northern Europe, accompanied by 'UL', has escaped to this time period."

……Loki had come back huh. I say, this is quite a complicated problem.

Zen then spoke.

"The evil god Loki from thirty years from now, during the war, broke out of jail through a gap that he had discovered. Thus, he ended up joining the war on the side of our opponents. Using a technique from the parallel dimension, he was able to cross over space-time, finally arriving in this time period."

……In short the Loki from the future had come to this time period. As for the present day one, he was apparently still locked up in Asgard's prison.

I asked a second time.

"In that case, those guys——what is the reason that they were sent from the parallel dimension to this time period together with Loki ?"

"——To change history. The evil gods from the parallel dimension, the malevolent gods of the future, and the demons, they seek to tamper with the history of this dimension, the overall conclusion being our demise."

Zen spoke.

"Because of this, the plan of our old man, Rias kaa-san and the rest is to rewrite events in their original, desirable form."

Kurenai then spoke while scowling.

"The time period we are from——the world of the future, is a parallel world, or at least that's according to someone who has the faculty of being able to observe the timeline. Based on what that person said, this timeline is undisturbed, but that the history of other timelines is already different with each step you take forward."

"There's a certain timeline in which the Seirei of the Chichigami did not appear. Since there was no contact with the Chichigami, there apparently wasn't any inference made about the existence of a parallel dimension."

It was Zen who had said this.

As I stroked my chin, I thought hard about all of this.

"Considerably, it has become quite the ridiculous story……."

That fellow Loki, having acted out violently once in this time period, was the kind of guy who would distort the history of every timeline. Well, this was the guy who sought to bring about Ragnarok[6] in the future.

Zen was speaking with a tense expression.

"Even if you find it to be unbelievable……it is the truth."

No matter how unbelievable it was I had to consider it.

However, I was only able to composedly nod my head.

"No, I believe you. However reluctant I was having seen the faces of you young sirs had made it clear that you are the children of those guys."

What these guys had said about what was happening with the present state of affairs, I immediately felt that it was consistent. Above all else, having sensed the wavelength of these guys' aura……it was definitely theirs. At this point, there was no room for suspicion.

Kurenai sighed in relief.

"It's just as our mothers said. If we spoke about it with you, you would certainly be able to understand."

Even if he was feeling relieved there was something more on mind mind I needed to ask about.

"Incidentally, who was it that sent you guys here? Someone who can manipulate time, isn't that quite considerable? Could it perhaps be……Ajuka, or else a significant amount of my research to produce a time machine in the future?"

In all likelihood, the technique they possessed for travelling through time was either from me or Ajuka Beelzebub. Ajuka came to mind due to the limitless potential of the multi-use type of magic circle he uses. If it wasn't him, then it could be me for a similar reason.

Zen was embarrassed by what I had said.

"……Um, it was both of you together but……"

Kurenai continued while being somewhat evasive.

"It certainly was that magical formula technique equation of Ajuka-sama and the technique of first generation Governor-General Azazel but, as for utilizing it, I would say it was our superior……"

"I believe that person will probably be coming here but……"

The two of them both seemed quite timid. Apparently these 'superior' was extremely frightening.

"Is it someone that I would know?"

Kurenai nodded to my question.

"Yes. More or less, it is someone from Rias kaa-sama's household."

Rias's household. If that's the case…….

"……Time, huh. ……Certainly not."

I could only think of one person but……was he that frightening? That something like that could occur, just thirty years into the future……. Well, given that these guys knew of my line that only the leaders of the Grigori were aware of, that would have to have been conveyed to them by someone in the future.

Zen spoke to Kurenai.

"Kurenai nii-san, about the matter of us meeting up with first generation Governor-General Azazel of our own accord, he would absolutely be angry, that **person**……"

Kurenai exhaled.

"That is so, Zen. Surely, he would cross his arms saying, 'You bastards, how could you have done something like this?', invariably losing his patience as a *gogogogo*[7] resounded in the background. However, surely for that reason, it appears it's possible to say."

Noticing that I was observing the humorous reactions of the two of them, Zen and Kurenai both cleared their throats. Changing the topic, Kurenai began speaking directly.

"The truth is, there is another matter of great importance, something for which we came to this time period."

Also true to his nature Zen put on an expression as he nodded his head in agreement.

"From my perspective it is something which could certainly be said to be good for your side. The truth is――"

Just as Zen had spoken to that extent, I was interrupted by an emergency communication. A miniature communication magic circle was deployed by my ear.

Akeno's voice could be heard.

'Azazel Sensei, it is very important. Those usual people, they have appeared in Sona-kaichou's territory.'

——!!

……Sona's territory, that was in the district adjacent to Kuou Town. So the "UL" have now shown up even over there huh.

"Understood, I'll also head out immediately!"

Saying no more than that, I terminated the communication.

Kurenai and Zen——were already filled with spirit.

"Would it be okay if you guys came along?"

In response to my inquiry, the two of them nodded.

"Yes."

"Since this was our plan when we came here."

The faces of those two——the good expressions upon them were exactly like their father's. It was as though they'd been completely taken over by their passionate hearts.

I spoke up while raising one finger.

"However, it would be good if you did not end up meeting your parents. We don't know what would happen if you did."

At this the two of them exchanged a glance before speaking up.

"Of course, that was our intention."

"But, if you could please let us watch from a distance. It would be enjoyable seeing our parents when they were young……"

Well, that was one of the real pleasures of time travel after all.

Once all of us were standing together on top of the transportation type magic circle, we jumped——.

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We were flying through the night sky.

Both Kurenai and Zen's wings were those of a dragon. From this it would seem that Ise's blood is strong with them. Both of their faces resembled their mothers though. Well, as far as resembling Ise's face goes it's probably a good thing that that's not the case.

Based on the second correspondence from Akeno, I was informed that Sona's team had come under attack from several 'UL' and had escaped.

On the side of Kurenai and company, since it seemed there existed a device that could detect those guys whereabouts, they were nearby holding a small device and were verifying the reaction.

Pointing at a certain dot, Kurenai reported, "It is over there."

The three of us descended to a backwoods mountainous area that was a considerable distance from Kuou Town.

We confirmed that there were several wriggling objects in front of us. Drawing closer for a look——we saw 'UL' torsos numbering as many as ten or so. ——Apparently, the battle had already started, as I was able to sense waves of demonic power!

There was a crimson aura coming from a light leaving behind a trail as it moved, which was swooping down upon the 'UL'!

Arriving nearby, I was astonished by the spectacle before my eyes.

Several 'UL', their motionless beings releasing an ominously sublime aura from their centers, appeared to be confronting a small built swordsman whose entire body was releasing a red aura as he glared straight at them. The swordsman was wearing a hood, such that not even his face was visible.

Accompanying the 'UL'……was a wave of aura that I haven't missed at all. Indeed, it was the evil god Loki himself. Even his appearance was entirely unchanged from the present day's.

The small built swordsman, brandishing an ancient red longsword completely clad in a red-colored aura, was slashing through the bodies of two 'UL' in a single swing.

The small built swordsman releasing the red aura spoke to Loki.

"BASTARD……! AFTER COMING ALL THE WAY HERE I'VE FINALLY MANAGED TO CATCH UP WITH YOU……! ……YOU WHO HAVE PROVOKED THE RELATIVES OF THE CRIMSON!"

The small built swordsman suddenly removed his hood. At just that moment, the full moon that had been hidden by the clouds showed its face. Illuminated by the moonlight, the one standing there was a crimson haired youth of a swordsman——.

Kurenai took a step forward and spoke to the crimson haired youth.

"——Ex, so you have come here huh."

The young swordsman who had been called Ix displayed a fearless smile.

"Yo, Nii-chans. ——Since you guys were slow, I thought I ought to clean this place up a little."

Announcing that much like a daredevil, the young boy once again gallantly slashed the 'UL'!

"Other siblings——more of Ise's children have come here?."

I inquired of Kurenai.

"Yeah, all of us, for the sake of saving Asia kaa-san, would go to any lengths."

To these words I inquired yet again.

"Asia, is it? The hell, did something happen to her or something……?"

As I was inquiring, Ex spoke to Loki.

"Specifically, I have come all the way to the world of thirty years in the past to kill you all."

Creating a magic circle close by, Loki fired a ball of demonic power

——. Using his red sword, Ex negated the attack!

At this result Loki gnashed his teeth.

"……!!! My attack was completely negated huh!!"

I was astonished by what I saw equipped to Ex's left arm.

……Isn't that gauntlet exactly like the Boosted Gear[8]!?

"Crimson hair……a gauntlet like Boosted Gear……. Well then, that young boy is——"

Kurenai nodded at my words.

"Yes, that is our younger brother——Ex Gremory!"

Zen continued.

"The alias of Ex over there is 'God Slayer of the Scarlet Blade'[9] ——. That guy, he is the young ace of the united armies of combined mythological systems, as well as the strongest swordsman of the Gremory family. Anyhow, his sword master is Kiba Yuuto of the holy-demonic sword, and as for his dragon master——"

Brushing his crimson hair and carrying his deep crimson sword, Ex approached Loki one step at a time.

"Loki, I'm terribly sorry, but I have been trained by the Hakuryuukou[10] Vali. I'm not as lenient as my father the Sekiryuutei. ——I destroy my adversaries with certainty."

The crimson haired young swordsman, preparing his sword as his whole body was releasing a crimson aura, turned his hate filled gaze upon Loki.

"——This is revenge for Asia kaa-san. In the name of the Duke House of Gremory, I will slice you to extinction."

This boy, who possessed the splendor of his mother Rias and the bravery of his father Ise, was certainly the child of those guys——.

Chapter 2: Invaders from Another World

"HA!"

The crimson haired young swordsman Ex Gremory was ferociously slicing up his opponents——the "UL" creatures from a parallel universe. Judging from appearances, he appeared to be about fifteen, possibly sixteen. The boy's hair, the aura covering his body, and the sword he wielded in his hand were all colored crimson.

The multitudes of "UL", they each held both hands out in front of themselves. Thereupon the entirety of their wrist slid with a machine-like clickety-clack, and began to change shape. From the remains of each of the silver arms, a muzzle appeared. To think that they had such a thing prepared within the arms. It seems like this was a trait of mechanical lifeforms. With the arms of the "UL" having taken on the form of gun barrels, a dangerous violet brilliance was fired from the muzzle.

In that instant, they fired orbs of light that were aimed at Ex. These orbs of light that been released, they all failed to hit Ex. Flying past him they scored a direct hit on a tall tree. This was because Ex had silently vanished at that very moment.

At the point where the tall tree had been struck by the orbs of light, the entire area had been gouged out. The instant it had been struck by the orbs of light, the light had expanded, and all that was caught within it was completely blown away. Those orbs of light, compared to the skills from this generation, while it isn't beyond such supernatural powers it would be unpleasant to suffer a direct hit. Having seen them pass through Rossweisse's defensive magic circle, it was quite likely that ordinary defensive measures would result in receiving a fatal wound.

Light orbs were also sent towards myself, Kurenai, and Zen. In order to avoid a direct hit, I leapt backwards successfully avoiding a

direct hit……not just all the trees, the light orbs also impacted the ground and the road, leaving craters behind.

As for Kurenai and Zen——.

"Clever."

"If it's only to this degree, DURANDAL IV!"

Expanding an unfamiliar magic circle technique equation, Kurenai defended against the light orbs. On the other hand, the aura from the replica of the Holy Sword Durandal extinguished them. …… Somehow or another, it seems that in the time period these guys are from a means for defending against the "UL" had been established.

——Also, as I looked over at the area around the "UL" I was able to confirm repeated flashes of crimson occurring.

The figure of Ex reappeared, silent just like before. The red blade of the sword that was in his hand was flickering with a dense aura of destruction. Avoiding the light orbs of the "UL" at high speeds, he drew close, and sliced through several of them at once. Even his sword speed was frightening. Altogether it was Kiba's sword technique.

When the sword Ex was wielding would slice the "UL", the part that was cut off would be shaved and vanish; the boy's attack, rather than just slicing, seemed to be precisely shaving away. Regarding that, it was certainly the same as Rias's demonic power of "Destruction".

Rather, as could be understood from Ex's aura, I could sense that the degree was beyond ridiculous……! It was so obvious that at his age he had surpassed his parents of the present era that I couldn't help but sense it.

And then, Vali had handled this guys's body training, there was the sword that had been prepared, and the techniques were those of Kiba. ……Indeed, this child of Ise and Rias, he had inherited the special characteristics from both of his parents and had studied under both the Hakuryuukou and the Holy-Demonic Sword, and

this was the result…….

With the "UL" that he was employing having been mown down, Loki was holding back his temper.

Ex fearlessly pointed the tip of his sword at the evil god.

"Loki, you will remove the curse you placed on Asia kaa-san. If you do so, I will erase you painlessly."

"……How dare you speak such words of opposition to a god, crimson haired swordsman Ex."

"I think you would prefer it if I chopped you apart right here."

The atmosphere was explosive, but although Loki appeared to be reaching the limits of his patience, he seemed to be aware to some extent of Ex's true strength. Kurenai and Zen also positioned themselves to surround Loki.

Since I was also cooperating with Ise's children I took a single step forward.

――In Loki's vicinity a spatial distortion was manifesting!

The distortion gradually expanded, releasing a blue light, which formed into a figure. A floating humanoid appeared within the blue light as the distortion then vanished. As it was floating the brilliance surrounding the body died down, and what was standing there――was a mechanical humanoid.

The main color theme was blue with a machine-like lustre covering the whole body. There were three horns growing from the head, and the eyes were in the shape of a visor. Overall its form was one of acute angles, with what seemed like three wings sprouting from the right side of its back, but instead of wings on the left side, a cannon-like gun barrel was extending. Its aura was unreadable, but a strange pressure could be felt. In all likelihood it was equal to myself when I wore Fafnir's armor……no, not at all, it's even greater than that.

The humanoid machine appeared to gaze upon Ex and company.

The visor-shaped eyes emitted a mechanical brightness.

[——No way, for the kids of the «Welsh Dragon[11]» to have appeared even here.]

Nothing like a mouth could be discerned on the head, and yet something like a voice was clearly being emitted.

Loki displayed a reassured expression at the appearance of this entity.

"Ruma Ydura! Well aren't you late!"

[Since you set the rendezvous point to be at such a faraway place, I was slightly delayed.]

Upon seeing the humanoid machine——the thing Loki referred to as Ruma Ydura, Kurenai and Zen each put on a stern expression.

Kurenai let out a whisper.

"……Rezwo Roado's 'Invade Fanatics[12]'"

……Rezwo Roado, naturally it was a name I had never heard of. Though it doesn't seem like it'd be mistaken to see him as the chief guy from the alternate universe, some kind of superior being.

Ruma Ydura spoke to Loki.

[Nevertheless it is troublesome when you move about as you please, Loki-dono. We ought to have gathered before making a move as our chief had instructed.]

"……I get it! It was purely by chance that I happened to come across Ex Gremory!"

Ruma Ydura fixed his gaze upon Ex. The visor was shining suspiciously.

Ex, seeing his older brother Zen increase his vigilance upon Ruma Ydura's arrival, was merely displaying a fearless smile.

"Just great. So you've also come here to be destroyed, Ruma Ydura."

[You have always invariably acted like a daredevil, Ex Gremory. However, as of present it seems you are merely clad in the impressiveness of your father the Sekiryuutei.]

At being compared to Ise, Ex——was wearing an unpleasant expression.

Ruma Ydura suddenly raised his right arm. Thereupon, a dome shaped barrier manifested covering Ruma Ydura and Loki, having appeared from a point beneath their feet.

Within the brilliance was released from this point, Ruma Ydura spoke.

[Allow us to take our leave this place.]

"Like I'd let you."

Swinging his sword downwards, Ex fired aura of destruction at the other party. ——But, Ruma Ydura and Loki were secure within the barrier, which easily protected against Ex's aura of destruction.

A dazzling brightness spread through the entire area. By the time the light stopped, the figures of Ruma Ydura and Loki were no longer present. It seems they had transferred.

Ex let out a sigh as he sheathed his sword in its scabbard.

"……So it's not going to to be quite so easy to kill them after all huh."

Turning on his heel as he made such an utterance, he began to leave this place.

Seeing Ex's behavior, Zen shouted.

"Ex! Our superior ought to have told you to abstain from taking independent action!"

Ex spoke without even looking back.

"……Zen nii-san, as well as Kurenai nii-san, I will accept you telling me to take action. I don't believe that achieving vengeance is for me alone. ——If I come across those guys, I will contact you."

Having made that announcement, Ex left that location without giving off a single sound.

While brushing his hair, Zen spat.

"Ex, you! Good grief, THAT GUY……!"

As for Kurenai, he was bowing his head to me.

"……My apologies on behalf of our younger brother. Typically he's very obedient, but he has a tendency to become reckless when someone important to him is injured……"

I see, these apparently are the children of Ise and the others.

I wouldn't say I was particularly pleased with Ex's actions though.

"Hahah, he's exactly like his parents isn't he."

At this Kurenai and Zen exchanged blank gazes with each other, seemingly having no choice but to smile bitterly.

"I cannot refute those words."

At the moment Kurenai said that, I sensed the presence of Ise and the others approaching. As it would seem, they had come here after noticing the gun fire coming from this vicinity.

I inquired of Kurenai and Zen.

"Oh, it seems they've arrived. ……You guys, what are you going to do?"

They had better try to avoid a direct encounter. Having said that, leaving here was also not an option. Since once they came here afterwards, there would be no way I could avoid providing a sensible explanation for the extent of what had happened here.

Kurenai reached a mutual understanding with Zen through eye contact and then spoke.

"Since an encounter would be unwise, we will temporarily step aside. ——Is it okay if we meet up with you later in the vicinity of Kuou Academy?"

"Yeah, if something happens contact me through the usual line."

Kurenai and Zen nodded at those words of mine.

"——Agreed."

Leaving only those words, the two of them vanished into the darkness of the night.

I however was left behind……now then, about how much should I explain to Rias and company. While being prudent, I awaited those guys' arrival.

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Two days had passed since the battle with futuristic Loki without anything uneventful transpiring.

I had invited Ise's children——Himejima Kurenai and Zen Quarta, to my laboratory that had been established at Kuou Academy.

If I had shown them in as is, Rias and company and Sona and company would have gotten suspicious, so I had gotten in contact with Kurenai, transmitted him the coordinates to reach the magic circle in this room, allowing them to transfer directly into this room. Regarding this laboratory I had set up originally, as a result of my having concealed the boundaries of it, even Kurenai and company were unable to sense it.

Having made preparations to that extent, I invited those guys. Moreover, from those guys I had been informed of various things.

First, the purpose of Loki and the others, it seemed that they had time warped to this focal point in the time period, stretching from several weeks from now as far back as several months previously,

for the sake of manipulating history. Going back in time to this focal point in history, it seems they sought to create as small of a time warp deviation as they could. ……Even if there wasn't a lot of influence to this part of the timeline, it seems it would result in numerous changes in the overall timeline.

Their next priority——was concerning Asia. Ex, Kurenai, Zen, and the rest of Ise's children had originally made the jump to this time period as a result of a change that had affected Asia.

Ex had said to his opponent Loki to "lift the curse", and Kurenai and Zen had said "we would go anywhere to save Asia kaa-san". I was able to guess the rough situation from that. I asked Kurenai and Zen in regards to what they had said before.

"There's something I would like to ask you guys for an explanation about; the war that breaks out in the future, that was the cause of Loki escaping from prison. However, you guys and Ex, rather than seeking to destroy Loki and the 'UL' who came to this time period, you said that the goal of your time travelling is to 'save Asia'. Ex had told Loki to lift the curse he had placed upon Asia. ……In the world of thirty years from now, Asia had a curse placed upon her by Loki?"

At my question the facial expressions of the two of them were filled with sadness as they nodded.

Kurenai spoke.

"……Yes. Having broken out of prison, Loki, in order to get revenge upon us who he saw as part of the sect of Rias kaa-san and the Hakuryuukuu Vali, plotted a retaliation. For only that reason——he placed a curse on Asia kaa-san."

Zen continued.

"……We were overcome with grief. That day, since there wasn't anyone in the vicinity of Asia kaa-san, she became the recipient of his revenge……a cursed that caused Asia kaa-san to fall into a deep sleep that she cannot wake up from. ……Devised by Loki when he was in prison, it's a curse that repeatedly invokes a countless

number of technical equations; headed by Rossweisse kaa-san, they employed the full extent of their magic, but only Loki had the solution to the curse, and if he wouldn't explain the technical equation, they concluded that Asia kaa-san wouldn't wake up."

Kurenai continued at this point.

"While we don't believe that there's no possibility of a major turning point in their analysis occurring, the chances aren't significant. Asia kaa-san is already starting to weaken because of the curse, so she likely won't be able to last until the analysis is complete. If that's the case, the only guaranteed method is to defeat the 'UL' that travelled through time with Loki along with Loki himself. After a discussion of the high-ups they concluded that this was the most realistic approach for dispelling the curse. We have therefore executed such tactics."

……That damn Loki, it seems that his resentment only intensified while he was in prison, leading him to develop such an overly severe technique. Even if Loki was a rotten god, it seems that even with the help of Chief God Odin and the woman talented in ancient magic Rossweisse, that they were still unable to analyze it.

I inquired of the two of them.

"Asia, is she kind?"

Kurenai spoke while smiling.

"……Yeah, among our 'mothers', she was the most kind. She was always smiling at us."

Zen continued as he wiped away the tears that had gathered in his eyes.

"……She never got angry at us, not even once. She was always gentle with her words, and she was always guiding us. Us siblings, for the sake of saving Asia kaa-san, we'd go to any lengths. Even if, for example, it meant journeying to the past to save her, we would absolutely go. Therefore, this time, we will certainly capture Loki and turn this time period back to how it originally was."

These children loved their mother Asia from the depths of their hearts. Well, even if it was from the present day Asia, one could nevertheless perceive that she had that fondness of a good mother. That their feelings for her were strong enough for them to depart for the past to save her shows just how important Asia is to Ise's children.

I groaned as I stroked my chin.

……OK, I have grasped the main point of the flow of events, as well as the purpose of these guys. Next, it seemed that it would be good if I asked them about a personal matter.

Regarding these guys themselves, including Rias son——Ex, I had two or three questions I wanted an explanation about.

……I inquired as to the nature of the sword that Ex had been wielding, not to mention the gauntlet he was wearing on his left arm——the Boosted Gear.

I asked for a decent explanation of these things.

"Well then, the gauntlet Ex was in possession of——. Is that an artificial Longinus as it would seem to be?"

Xenovia's son——Zen nodded.

"Yes, in our time period several artificial Longinus have been constructed. Ex's gauntlet is one of those successfully produced. However, its abilities are remarkably lower than the genuine article……. It is definitely much stronger compared to an ordinary artificial Sacred Gear."

Is that so? To think that thirty years from now they would have become capable of even producing artificial Longinus. Well, even if we only consider the amount of my own advancements in research, it's advanced by twenty or thirty steps. It would not be surprising if it turned out to be the truth. Zen had said that they couldn't be compared to the genuine article but……. Even in that case, it was still the ability of a Longinus.

Suddenly, I spotted Kurenai picking up something that had been left

in my laboratory, seemingly finding it of great interest.

What Kurenai was holding was a prototype artificial Sacred Gear……and the way he handled it was different from that of an amatuer, as though he was someone who was familiar with it. Clearly he was able to identify the special properties of the prototype.

Thinking "Ahh" to myself, I decided to ask Kurenai.

"……Regarding that, do you have anything to do with Ex's gauntlet?"

Hearing what I said, Kurenai stopped fiddling with the artificial Sacred Gear and wore an expression of astonishment.

"You realized that much huh."

"It's your ambience. I sense the temperament of a researcher from you. Among the leaders of the Grigori……it's an ambience I've seen from my comrades numerous times in the past."

I was surrounded all the time by researchers. There were many of them among the family of comrades I associated with. The behavior Kurenai had shown in this room reminded me of two or three of them.

Kurenai continued.

"Yeah, since it's you I don't mind explaining, but in the world of thirty years from now I am a researcher with the Grigori. I am the one who has succeeded your research――."

……And then Kurenai stopped talking, as though he had *realized something*.

'Succeeded' my research, huh. ……I see. Well, I'm not going to press him on that now. I probably don't want to hear the rest. It could result in behavior that changes the future even more than Loki's *mischief*.

"For you to have succeeded our research, Akeno must have

approved of this."

I was the one who said this.

……When it comes it Akeno, she was still harsh with me at times. Although she had already reconciled with her father Barakiel, her feelings were still the same.

Hearing what I said——Kurenai appeared to be beyond surprised that his true identity had been discerned.

"……Is that how it is? That's very interesting. In our time mother speaks of you with respect and admiration……she even let you name me as an expression of gratitude."

…….I-is that really how it is? Hmm. Is there some event that comes up after this that results in Akeno becoming more reliant upon me?

Zen spoke.

"While still a member of Rias kaa-san's household Akeno kaa-san is also participating as an executive of the Grigori, while in our era Barakiel-sensei has become Governor-General."

……So that's how it is. She's an executive, huh. Somehow, that makes me get really emotional.

So in their era Barakiel in the Governor-General. Moveover he called him 'Sensei'.

…….

……How on earth can that be. I just can't *see* it. That's just something I cannot imagine.

I tried to pull myself together. It wasn't something to deliberately inquire about.

"……About that, it certainly is quite interesting."

That was all I could say in reply. I needed to change the subject.

"Next question. Ex's sword——as well as the sword Zen is carrying, are those legendary weapons? Or are they something that doesn't exist in this time period."

Indeed, I inquired about the sword with the red blade that Ex was wielding, as well as the holy sword resembling Durandal that Zen possessed. When it comes to legendary weapons, whether holy sword or demonic swords, I can brag that I am familiar with roughly all of them. All of the data from every present day mythological system.

Zen produced his sword that had been stored in subspace, and handed it to me.

"My holy sword is called Durandal IV. It it the successor to the Durandal my mother wields."

The successor, IV, that is to say that it is the fourth in Durandal's lineage. It could be considered something that was newly manufactured……. That would mean that thirty years from now they were capable of manufacturing a new version of the legendary holy sword. However, this sword……it has an ejectable magazine attached. This wasn't just alchemy. This made use of mechanical techniques. It was a weapon born from the union of supernatural and scientific techniques. This was an extension of a holy sword we at the Grigori had been pursuing.

Zen spoke as I handled the holy sword.

"As for the sword Ex wields, it's the Scarlet Blade Galatine III Revised——. Like my Durandal IV, it's a successor to the legendary sword Galatine, and furthermore it has been forged explicitly for Ex's use."

Oh, so that was Galatine. Said to be the brother sword to Excalibur, it's a legendary unique sword whose blade would never get nicked. And on top of being a successor it was for Ex's exclusive use……I see, that's the reason why Ex could safely envelope the sword with his demonic power of destruction. By purposefully choosing the resilient Galatine, they were able to forge this exclusive use new model.

"So it's not a new model of Ascalon huh."

I would have thought that it would be a successor to the sword that Ise possesses, but alas that was not so.

At this Kurenai shrugged his shoulders.

"That guy, when it comes to our father, he has trouble dealing with him."

"Since it was the sword the he wore on his arm, he specifically emphasized 'something besides Ascalon'."

——Zen followed up after Kurenai saying as such.

……For the future Ise, the fact that his children were being brought up by Vali and Kiba could be a source of disagreements. At least that's what I think. Or perhaps, could there be some other source of displeasure……? Judging from appearances, these two do not hold any particular hatred towards their father, however…….

As for the last thing we discussed, it turns out that Kurenai is Ise's eldest son, and is eighteen years old. Zen is the second son at age seventeen. As for Ex, he is the fourth son of Ise's children.

Suddenly, I noticed that Kurenai was looking at the clock hanging on the wall.

"……Why are you so concerned about the clock? Is someone…… such as another sibling coming?"

No sooner had I started speaking the words when I realized that must be the case.

"Yeah, to be precise we have plans to meet up with our 'younger sisters'……"

This was what Kurenai said.

……'Younger sisters', huh. So they were Ise's daughters. Whose children were they? As before, I couldn't help but to wonder…….

Zen spoke to Kurenai.

"Nii-san, assuming that there's a calculation error with the transference like with those 'UL', would they be able to make it here?"

"Indeed. There have been a few small alterations to this vicinity that may cause confusion."

Watching the siblings having this exchange, I suddenly had a good idea and spoke up while displaying a mischievous smile.

"Well then, it seems we have a little time. Just great. ——Would you like to see them, your parents that is?"

At my suggestion, the two of them exchanged a glance, then in unison asked me, "How exactly?"

"Just a minute Akeno! Right now Ise is going to have his ears cleaned by me with his head in my lap!"

"Nu-uh, Rias. Ise already had agreed to have an 'illicit relationship between a maid and her master' situation in a separate room with me!"

"Ooh. I know nothing about such a strange situation! Akeno you twit!"

"A family that does ear picking doesn't even exist! Rias is stingy!"

"Er, I give up. Guhehehehe……"

What was displayed on the monitor inside my laboratory——was the situation of the Occult Research Club. Right now, the scene was of Rias and Akeno who were arguing over Ise, while Ise who was troubled was wearing a perverted expression.

Having dispatched a insectoid type surveillance camera to the old school building, and by having that insectoid attach itself to the window pane, I could have all that happened over there transmitted

here.

Regarding the incident last night, when Rias and company had come rushing over, the excuse I had given them was that I had been investigating the mysterious enemies with some agents from the Grigori when, coming across them by chance, we ended fighting them at that location.

……Regarding the remnants of the Norse magic technical equations that Loki had fired, as well as the demonic power of destruction associated with Ex, since Rossweisse had noticed them when performing her analysis, I had to come up with all kinds of pretenses.

……Yo Ise's children, if it should happen that you fail to settle this current affair, it would not be surprising if these actions of mine are treated as immoral. Since it is a fact that I am cooperating with you, can you please restore peace before it leads to future trouble?

Now then, speaking of the kids in question as they watched their parents through the camera……they were covering their foreheads with their hands, and despite being amazed, they were seemingly quite embarrassed.

Zen spoke as he watched the image of Ise.

"……So this is father during his high school days. ……He never changed huh."

"So he's still a pervert in the future?"

At my question, Kurenai smiled bitterly and continued.

"……Well, I had kind of expected he was a pervert. I mean he is a man gets dominated by his several wives after all but"

Ah, so he's dominated by his wives, that Ise. On that point, it seems he would get along with the young men of the Gremory household.

Zen puffed up his cheeks.

"But, we have surprisingly very little interaction with father……if

one had to pick between the two, I would have to say that we were raised by Yuuto-san……"

So they seldom had any exchanges with their father. Ah, somehow or another I understand.

"That guy, he must be very busy in the future, am I right?"

It was I who said this. For him who was popular in the present day as the Oppai Dragon, his schedule keeps him under a lot of pressure. Since that's how it is in the present day, it wouldn't be surprisingly if his schedule became much more congested thirty years from now. No, rather it would certainly seem that it would.

Zen replied.

"You understand? Yeah, it's just like that. Moreover, he's always rushing all over the place. Not just in the underworld either, but rather he's rushing back and forth to locations of other mythological systems, whether it's helping out, giving speeches, some kind of industrial enterprise……. Being both the Sekiryuutei and the Oppai Dragon has him always bustling about all over the place."

Kurenai continued.

"His schedule for the next two centuries is completely filled. Even our mothers can go some time without seeing him; on the contrary it's our moms who have to rotate when it comes to escorting him."

Two centuries!? T-that is far beyond what I would have expected. H-he's become that busy huh……. That certainly wouldn't leave much time left over for raising children……. His wives——seemingly centered around Ravel his manager, were apparently covering for him by helping out with the state of affairs in various places.

Zen spoke.

"Since that's how it is, some of our younger brothers and sisters——and Ex in particular, are more attached to Vali-san than to father……"

……So rather than their father who was far away they bonded with the Hakuryoukou who was there more often. I cannot imagine the feelings that guy has accompanying the children of his rival…… unexpectedly, the future Vali seems to be enjoying himself.

At this time, the insectoid camera——was displaying Kiba. Without paying any mind to the back and forth between Ise and the others, he was sitting on the sofa reading.

Seeing Kiba, Kurenai and Zen groaned.

"He was our sword master as one might expect. The fact is he was an impeccable swordsman even at that time."

Zen spoke with an exultant disposition.

"Including myself, Kiba Yuuto-san was the sword master for us siblings. To them and for myself as well, he is like a second father to us……"

Aah, so Kiba had been keeping a watchful eye on these guys. I could sense it from the respect in their gazes, that he was greatly endeared by Ise's children.

……Rather that their busy father, they spend much more of their time with Kiba who's their swordmaster.

Hearing Zen's statement, Kurenai cautioned his younger brother.

"Don't say that. Chichi-san is an extremely busy person."

Suddenly feeling bothered I spoke up.

"So in that case Xenovia and Irina didn't instruct you guys in swordsmanship?"

Judging from what Zen had said, while I could understand the point about Kiba being their swordmaster, it still bothered me. At least with Xenovia who was a female sword warrior as well as this guy's mother, one would naturally think that he would have been instructed in the sword by his mother but……. Given her temperament, one would expect her to instruct her son in the

sword.

However, Zen who was Xenovia's son said, "Absolutely not!" as he shook his head.

"Such a thing, how would Haha-san have time to instruct me in the ways of the sword……"

To me who was feeling puzzled Kurenai gave a supplemental explanation.

"Xenovia kaa-san, while she is someone with a zeal for training…… besides assisting with Dad's work, she is also a cram school principal for students aiming to go to the underworld's top notch universities. In addition to that, whenever we encounter her behavior becomes that of someone in charge of investigating how our studies are going, like she's the one in charge of our teaching."

……Seriously? That person went on to do teaching as a principal at a cram school!? ……I just can't imagine it!

Zen continued.

"Given that she was unable to enjoy her childhood like other youths due to practicing the sword day and night, she wanted us to have a somewhat healthy childhood where we would study together, and as such her enthusiasm for our studies was comparable to that she has for those seeking to get into a good school."

Ah, so that was your undertaking, Xenovia. Looking back on the first half of her lifetime, it would seem that she had decided that her sons shouldn't have to experience the same kind of rut.

I certainly couldn't blame Xenovia for such a thing. It was since she had gone from a life with the church to being part of this Kuou Academy……. It was not that her sense of values had been turned inside out.

Zen then touched on the situation of Irina in the future.

"As for Irina kaa-san, she's so busy with her work in heaven that we almost never see her. Even when she does come home on occasion

she's so tired all she does is sleep."

"She even criticizes our other mothers whenever they take a female manager's vacation……"[13]

Kurenai was also saying such miserable things.

……I see, so Irina has become like a office lady who comes home late at night exhausted. ……Perhaps I should start giving her advice regarding her future management prospects.

Suddenly, Zen started looking at a picture frame that was standing on the desk. In it was a photo featuring the group of leaders consisting of myself, Sirzechs, Michael, Odin, and Zeus. As he was looking at it something Zen had said struck me.

"Come to think of it, the Maou-sama of this time period……was Rias kaa-san's onii-san."

"……Is it different in the time period you're from?"

At my inquiry Zen became flustered and covered his mouth. It felt like he was thinking "Oh damn".

"Sorry, it was a slip of the tongue."

To Zen who was apologizing, Kurenai spoke.

"In the case of the first generation Governor-General, I don't think it'd matter all that much don't you think? Even if we were to sum up our time period the degree of interference in history someone like him would cause would be exceedingly small."

I was extremely grateful for such an evaluation.

Kurenai then informed me about it.

"The Maou from our time period——it isn't the Four Great Maou system, but rather the Seven Great Maou system. In addition to Lucifer, Beelzebub, Leviathan, and Asmodeus there's also the newly added Mammon , Belphegor, and Belial."

……So it changed from four names to seven names. The number of suitable representatives had increased. This displayed a significant change in internal administration.

A civil war!? No, if the darkness festering deep inside it were exposed, it would appear that they would be unable to maintain the current administration. ……The future will be full of troubles Sirzechs.

Kurenai continued his explanation.

"Since this time period, with the exception of Ajuka Beelzebub, all of the Maou have changed."

……Such an unforeseen thing had occurred huh. By now means would I have expected all the Maou to resign in the future, with only the best remaining active.

I spoke while narrowing my eyes.

"……Regarding Sirzechs situation, I guess it would be better if I didn't inquire about it."

Kurenai nodded.

"Yeah, it would be better if you didn't. The most information I can give you on this is that it's not as unpleasant as you might be imagining……"

Besides, given that these guys had been calling me 'First Generation Governor-General'……it could be inferred that I did not have a very pleasant ending.

At this point, having finished touching on the subject of future politics, Kurenai and Zen proceeded to enjoy watching the past versions of their parents.

For Ise and company who had been swinging between joy and sadness, they now appeared to be weary.

After about ten minutes had passed, miniature communication-use magic circles expanded next to the ears of Kurenai and Zen. It

would appear that the 'younger sisters' had made contact with them.

Bringing an end to the peeping upon their parents, I who was acting as a chaperone transported together with Kurenai and Zen to the designated rendezvous point――.

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The place that we transported to was in a forest town four stations away from Kuou Town.

Amidst the many varieties of tall trees growing in this forest the 'younger sisters' were standing. They were a pair of young girls, one wearing a white kimono, the other a black kimono. Judging from their appearances, they were small girls of about twelve or thirteen. On their heads――cat ears were sprouting.

The kimono clad girls smiled upon seeing seeing their older brother.

"――Kurenai nii-sama, Zen nii-sama"

"At last we managed to meet up with you nyan."

Zen introduced me to the young girls.

"These are our younger sisters. The one in white is Shirayuki. The one in black is Kurobara."

Most likely, the white cat eared girl is Koneko's daughter, while the black cat eared girl……could it be that she was Kuroka's? Geez, so she also ended up falling deeply in love with that guy Ise huh.

……Shirayuki was 'Snow White' then? Then Kurobara……would be from 'Sleeping Beauty's' alias of 'Thorn Princess'. Unexpectedly those sisters had given them names from fairy tales.[14]

These two cat eared girls, their appearance was the same right down to their faces, but not to the point one would likely think them to be twins. Well, since they have the same father and their mothers are sisters, it's not unusual that they'd resemble each other, is it. ……It would be safe to say that those sisters probably gave

birth at around the same time.

Kurenai then explained the details of what had happened so far to his younger sisters.

"……I also wanted to see Papa and Mama when they were young nya~."

The one in the black kimono——Kurobara, voiced her dissatisfaction over this. Rather than having her mother Kuroka's joyful personality she gave off a somewhat more composed atmosphere.

The one in the white kimono——Shirayuki, spoke with a tough looking expression as she delivered a report.

"We have been in contact with Vladi oji-sama."

"As it would seem, things are becoming quite troublesome nya."

Kurobara continued speaking after Shirayuki's words.

……Vladi oji-sama? The boss of Kurenai and company, the one they said was a member of the Gremory household who was related to 'Time'. And on top of that these girls referred to him as 'Vladi oji-sama'. With this, regarding who the boss of these guys was, I was able to reach a definite conclusion.

——!!

All of a sudden, a disgusting sensation assaulted my whole body. There was some strong hostility that was being directed this way, and I was sensing that pressure. Kurenai and the others clearly sensed it as well, as they were also looking up at the sky.

Zen managed to squeeze out a few words.

"……This pressure, it's that bastard……tch!"

Not only Zen, all of Ise's children who were here had clearly sensed it.

Looking up in the sky, a large object that was falling at high speeds filled our vision.

While a strong pressure was being released from it, the huge thing descended down to the forest! A loud crashing sound was released as it violently impacted the ground causing the earth to tremble, resulting in dust being sent flying through the surrounding air!

A large depression became visible before our eyes——a crater of considerable scale had been produced.

In the center of the crater, giving off a *Shuuuuu……* sound as steam was emitted from its whole body, was a fifteen meter tall figure——.

The mechanical creature that was releasing a green lustre——its form was similar to that of a dragon. Its forearms were both very thick, to the point they appeared somewhat like shields. No, they actually possessed parts that were shaped like shields. There weren't any wings on its back, but it had what appeared to be rocket engines on either side of its back. Despite appearances could it actually fly……?

——This dragon type mechanical creature, it couldn't be a robot……!!! From this I could understand that this was another 'UL'…….

……Heh, that evil god from the alternate universe, it couldn't be that his hobby is coming up with designs like this could it?

As it rose out of the crater, the dragon type mechanical lifeform let out a voice.

[——Heh, as it would seem, the brats of that red guy have also come to this time period huh.]

The mouth that had been made of metal had been manufactured to look like the smile of a flesh and blood living creature.

"——GARVARUDAN!"

Zen produced his Durandal IV from subspace. From the

bloodcurdling conditions, it was obvious that that dragon was a monster on a whole other level. ……As expected, given that it was a being from a parallel universe, its aura could not be sensed, but given this overwhelming feeling of oppression……it was at least of Dragon King class……!!

Hearing Zen's voice, the dragon——the one called Garvarudan, spoke with a happy tone.

[Yo, it's Zen Quarta, plus the rest of your damn brats. I'm considerably indebted to you guys!!]

With a *GuuuuoooooOOOOO*, the rockets on Garvarudan's back suddenly spewed forth fire vigorously! ——Without warning, his spirit had become incited!!!

The force from the rockets increased, and then the enormous body of the mechanical lifeform——suddenly shot forward!!! As the large being rushed forward at high speeds, charging at Zen!! Zen prepared his Durandal, and attempted to defend against the opponent's furious attack——but Garvarudan completely seized Zen with his enormous hand.

[THIS IS PAYBACK!!! I'll blow you awaaaaaAAAAAAAAAY!!!]

Garvarudan flew forward while dragging Zen who he had seized!!!

Gouging a large trench into the ground, much of the forest's vegetation was mown down by Garvarudan who was charging while seizing onto Zen!!

"Dammit!!"

Zen who was held in his hand, putting up a furious resistance, infused his holy sword with holy aura. He then depressed the trigger on the guard of the holy sword, and an orb wrapped in power was fired from the blade with a violent sound, ejecting a cartridge as it did. At the same time the aura covering the holy sword increased!!

However, Garvarudan abruptly threw Zen high up into the sky!!

——Having been thrown into the air by Garvarudan, Zen was left completely open to attack!!

[DiiIIIIIIIIIIIE!!]

What was fired from the mechanical dragon's mouth——was a massive ray of like that could be said to be its maximum power! In order to shield himself against Garvarudan while in midair, Zen took on a defensive stance!!

"ZEN!"

Kurenai produced a transportation magic circle nearby, and released it at Zen who was up in the sky!!

Instantly——the sky above the forest was split by a HUGE beam that stretched in a straight line into the distance.

A transportation magic circle was expanding beside Kurenai, from which Zen appeared. Somehow or another, he had managed t avoid it by a hair's breadth.

His surprise attack being finished, Garvarudan spoke while laughing pleasantly.

[Well, killing you would never have been quite so simple. However, the same cannot be said of your father and the Vanishing Dragon who are the premier dragons of this time period! On the contrary, the same goes for the other Longinus possessors! Their battle potential isn't worth shit!!]

I and Ise's children took on a stance to confront the mechanical dragon before us.

Kurenai spoke to me.

……Regarding the name of the evil god from the parallel universe, he is called Melvazoa. This evil god, he has seven peerlessly brutal underlings, who we refer to as the 'Eclipsed Seven Luminaries'.[15] Those Seven Luminaries are each accompanied by powerful retainers called 'Invade Fanatics[16]; the mechanical dragon before ——Garvarudan is one of the 'Invade Fanatics'."

……There were four chief retainers who served a god's underling, and this is just one of them? The one called Ruma Ydura who met with Loki was also one of the 'Invade Fanatics'. It could already be said that two of them have come to this time period……

Kurobara had a grim look in her eyes.

"Not just Ruma Ydura, but even Garvarudan also came……"

Garvarudan spoke joyfully.

[Aah, have the other guys already come here? It's just a matter of time until my master——Rezwo Roado arrives.]

"Rezwo Roado, he's part of the 'Ragou Seven Luminaries' I just spoke of. You can think of them as having power in the same class as that of each mythology's chief god."

——Kurenai provided that brief explanation.

So the seven underlings who serve the evil god from the parallel universe, you're saying each and every one of them is chief god class?

"In other words, it would appear that that fellow may possibly end up coming to this backwater country as well huh."

Presently concerning myself with these troublesome inner thoughts, I was completely dumbfounded by the unexpectedly enormous scale of it all. ……I say, this matter was becoming something far beyond my ability to control.

I inquired of Ise's children.

"……You guys have a plan for achieving victory?"

To my question Kurenai, Zen, Shirayuki, and Kurobara, they all put on valiant looks.

Zen spoke while gathering the massive amount of aura of his Durandal IV.

"——Yeah, of course we do. If we didn't there would be no meaning in coming here!!"

As for Shirayuki and Kurobara, their entire bodies flickering with touki, manifested countless numbers of kasha.

"I heard that, when Chichi-sama and Haha-sama[17] were young, they battled against even more severe opponents than this."

"Being the children of that Papa and those Mamas, there's no way we would ever back down nyan."

And then, Kurenai who was the eldest——created a spatial distortion, from which something mighty was summoned. Its vigour completely burning everything around it, it was an enormous fire bird that was releasing a scorching hot aura. Kurenai himself, who had holy lightning coiling around his body, fired of the following statement.

"I who am the eldest son of the Sekiryuutei, a man who carries the blood of the Himejima, shall not be defeated."

The Himejima, being a Shinto clan, was a historical household that had been protecting Japan since ancient times from behind the scenes. That household originally manipulated flames and governed the sacred beast 'Suzaku'[18].

What Kurenai had summoned, it wasn't 'Suzaku'. ——It was similar to the sacred beast 'Houou'[19].

Akeno, the Himejima bloodline seems to run strong in your son. Moreover, he has even inherited the ability of holy lightning. …… Isn't it magnificent?!

Well then, I ensured that these guys could fight to their heart's content at this place. Extending my hand and forming a magic circle, I covered this area with several secure barriers. The instant the barriers had been established, regardless of any excessive noise, people from outside wouldn't end up trespassing in this area. That at least was the theory behind these specially prepared special barriers.

[Ho, so there was even someone from this time period capable of producing such a barrier.]

Even Garvarudan, who was getting an uncomfortable feeling from the mysterious barrier that was covering this region, had apparently noticed the appearance of the barrier.

I then spoke to Ise's children.

"It's a barrier that's been designed to not be broken quickly. Feel free to fight to your heart's content."

Hearing my statement the children all wore valourous smiles.

I also formed a spear of light in my hand, and faced of against the mechanical dragon.

——As for who made the first move, it was the duo of nekomata girls! Each of them respectively brought forth a countless number of kasha, Shirayuki's being of white flames while Kurobara's were of black flames, which spread out and surrounded Garvarudan. Each and every one of them were moving ceaselessly this way and that as though they each possessed an individual will. Together with the hand movements of the duo of girls, the countless number of black and white kasha assaulted Garvarudan.

[Clever!!]

As for Garvarudan, without hesitating as all of the kasha swept down upon his whole body, he once again fired a thick beam from his large mouth! When the beam subsided one part of the forest had been mown down, and he white and black kasha had been blown away.

"Damn, how can this be?"

I also produced multiple spears of light in the air, which I fired at Garvarudan. Each and every shot was loaded with high density light. Even if it was a dragon, this should bring about its downfall…….

As for Garvarudan, using his fat shield-like forearms on each arm,

he successively repelled all of my spears. Naturally, some of the spears did successfully pierce him directly, but the damage from my spears wasn't of any concern to this guy as he struck down my shots with his arms.

"——Houou!! And then, lightning!!"

Hearing Kurenai's instructions, the fire bird spread its wings and dove at the mechanical dragon! The scorching heat was even noticeable from this distance, as my skin was being roasted little by little. Despite the incredible amount of flames not one tree from the surrounding forest was burned, which was a testament to Kurenai's superior command of them. Had it been someone inexperienced, and they had make use of the sacred beast of flames, the heat released from their mischief would have spread and set fire to the surroundings. The Houou Kurenai had released though had directed burned only the targeted enemy and nothing else.

[Heheh!! How interesting!! Bring it on!!]

There was the figure of Garvarudan standing there ready to take it head on! The Houou was attacking the dragon's metallic skin! As for Garvarudan, he brandished both of his thick forearms and struck the Houou with a swipe! His excitement was as such that his abnormally wide arms ended up mowing down all of the nearby trees. Up against Garvarudan's massive strength, the Houou's power was completely offset——at that moment lighting resounded from sky, and fell magnificently upon Garvarudan!

The mechanical dragon's entire body was swallowed by the lighting! The Houou followed up, swooping in for another attack ——but this fresh attack upon Garvarudan, it was shot down! The aforementioned large arm that was shaped like a shield, with a *pakari* it split vertically. Having split apart, a gun barrel then emerged! From the shield, a cannon had appeared!

His entire body giving off smoke from the massive lightning, Garvarudan, without faltering, grabbed the throat of the Houou with his right hand, and shoved the cannon that appeared from the shield on his left arm into its abdomen!!

[BLOW AWAAAAAAAAAAY!!!]

Firing a huge ball of light out of the cannon, the entire body of the Houou was swallowed up! As a violent flash of light spread through the area, the Houou was blown away entirely by the ball of light!

Since it was a sacred beast, it wasn't substantial. It should be possible to once again summon the Houou but……. The body of that mechanical lifeform is too tough. Lighting of that degree——having been struck by that, one would think even the interior had been burned. Nevertheless it hadn't flinched, and even continued attacking without having its movements hindered at all, which was quite befitting of its belligerence.

Just from the present exchange of offense and defense, all of the trees from the surrounding area had been blown away, creating a bare circle. ……Since we'll have to repair this afterwards, this will become all sorts of trouble huh……. The one who has to repair this forest can expect considerable difficulty!

——It was at this point that Zen finally cut in!

"Toryaaaaah!!"

Zen's swordsmanship, bringing together Xenovia's passion and Kiba's splendor, it became the ideal style of swordsmanship.

Slashing at high speeds while slipping through the attacks of his gigantic opponent, he managed to fire tremendous power while stabbing through the gaps. While Durandal was also clad in a destructive aura, there was a calmness to it. Kiba would likely shed tears of joy if he were to lay eyes upon this swordsman.

Garvarudan, despite having a reaction speed that was unsuitable for his large size, he did have his limits, and was therefore overwhelmed by Zen's high speed and skills. Zen's attack, having reached Garvarudan, began to cause steadily worsening damage as the sword landed blow after blow.

Accelerating the attacks, he was pulling the trigger launching orbs from the blade that each became increasingly more powerful, to the

extent that, a few dozen seconds later, the holy aura of Durandal IV had expanded to the point it could completely envelope Garvarudan's large body. Just from seeing this much it could be confirmed its attack power had completely surpassed the Durandal of this time period. Like that, each time the augmented power was launched in an orb from the sword blade, it seemed that somehow the attack power would further increase by another level. So this was the holy sword of the future——Durandal IV.

[Oryaaaaaah!!]

Garvarudan fired a much larger beam of light than any he had up until now!! It was so powerful that, if it were to score a direct hit, not one person here would be able to escape annihilation! However, Zen, not hesitating for a moment, faced him straight on and swung downward with Durandal!! From Durandal IV, the maximum amount of holy aura was released!! That was his mother Xenovia's prided Durandal Cannon, that's what it was——.

Garvarudan's beam and the Durandal Cannon struck each other head on, causing a magnificently large explosion to occur within the forest!! The shock wave from the explosion, the flames that were spread by the explosion, these were the aftermaths of the two attacks that enveloped our location in the forest!!

……Once everyhing had quieted down, what was there was——the heavily breathing figure of Zen. Due to firing that enormous shot, the maximum aura Durandal had possessed until now had died out.

As far as Garvarudan was concerned——his entire left arm had been blown off, and from the cross section of the left arm sparks were flying with a crackling sound.

From the violent aftereffects of the collision, a distortion had arisen in the barrier and the sky was now visible through the hole.

Garvarudan, displaying an intrepid smile, ignited the rockets on his back.

[——Dammit, apparently the effects of time travelling consumed a lot of power. That I would be damaged to this extent by this brat's

attack.]

Garvarudan looked up at the sky, and all at once flew towards it!!

Ise's children had no plans to let him escape!

"Trying to escape?!!"

"You won't get away!!"

Kurenai and Zen both unleashed their attacks! I also expanded a magic circle to try and repair the barrier but――.

A portion of Garvarudan's right shoulder opened up unveiling something like a speaker unit.

――!!!

Suddenly as they were rushing in to attack there was an offensive dissonance!! It seemed it was being emitted from Garvarudan's shoulder! As soon as I started hearing it, needless to say I immediately neglected the magic circle I was expanding. Kurenai the the others were also covering their ears, each wearing an expression of anguish.

[I'll kill you next time, brats of the Sekiryuutei!!]

Leaving behind those parting words, Garvarudan used his ignited rockets to fly away into the sky! Like that he passed through the hole that had opened up in the barrier, successfully escaping from this place.

"Shit!! After all that we weren't able to kill him!"

Zen spat out such a lament.

Kurenai put a hand on Zen's shoulder, shaking his head.

"……No, this was the first time we have seen his present equipment. In all likelihood, it would seem that Garvarudan and the others have altered their equipment since the last time we fought. If that is the case, I don't know of anyone who could have countered

something as unforeseen as that. ……This is good enough for now."

At his older brother's words Zen let out a breath as he regained his composure.

Gazing up at the sky after the mechanical dragon that had flown away, I——Azazel, was experiencing an indescribable anxiety.

However——. I then looked over at Ise's children.

At the same time I was anxious, it was a fact that these children from the future were extremely hopeful.

This time period had been invaded by unknown adversaries, but so long as those guys are here, so long as they face it together, the future will be protected. I truly believe that.

Looking forward to getting to meet up with the rest of Ise's children I haven't seen yet, I began to consider how I would go about cleaning up the forest.

Chapter 3: New Church Trio

Invaders who have time travelled from thirty years into the future ——the mechanical lifeforms 'UL'. Together with Ise's children who appeared to pursue them from thirty years into the future, I had encountered one of the 'Invade Fanatics' who were the leaders of the 'UL', a mechanical dragon named Garvarudan, against whom we had battled.

"……Having said all that, that was essentially what happened. You guys should also be careful."

'Understood.'

I, concealing the truth from the ORC members, reported the main points about the 'Unknown Enemy Lifeform' going on a rampage.

Since that mechanical dragon flew off, one day has passed. At this point I, having somehow or another managed to clean up the trees in the forest, I was attempting to provide an excuse to my students who reside within Kuou Town…….

"Sensei! We were also assaulted by them! Those guys——"

"The members of the student council also apparently encountered them——"

——In this way, they reported having come into contact with the 'UL'. Fortunately, having apparently not encountered the leadership class or Loki, they had not figured out the truth.

……For whatever reason, the enemy was showing no hesitation in attacking the people from this time period. Well, their goal being nothing short of rewriting history, it was actually rather natural that they would attack the comrades of the two heavenly dragons of this time period who had caused them so much trouble in the future. If they had come to the past of this timeline in order to exert influence over history, it was understandable that they would assault us who were in their way.

As for the silver lining, though those guys had travelled to this time period to change history, they had come to this timeline. For example——had they gone a little further into the past, back to before the formation of the 'Khaos Brigade', that would be an instant out. ——Had that been the case, as far as the power to fight those 'UL' head on, since Ise and company ought not to be enough, in that situation they would be one-sidedly slaughtered.

As for the opponent's means of transportation, whether it was accomplished using some kind of technique, or it was a result of unexpected happenings due to changes made to this timeline……. I dare say, the latter seems to be likely…….

To me students I said,

"Anyway, we ought to refrain from acting alone for now. Members of the rearguard especially must absolutely move together with the vanguard attackers even during midday. You should act in teams of no less than three."

Having delivered those precise words, I began heading towards the place where I had planned to meet with Ise's children.

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Having arrived at a residential area park that was a short distance from Kuou Academy, I, taking a seat on the bench, received a report from Xenovia's son——Zen.

"Well then, Kurenai left to go meet up with your other siblings huh."

"Yes, it would seem that the predicted timing was slightly off, so he headed off to the vicinity of the corrected space-time coordinates of the arrival point."

Regarding the absent Kurenai, Zen explained that he had gone off to greet their other siblings. The children of Ise who had come to this place included Zen, Shirayuki, and Kurobara.

"——Then, in addition to you as well as Shirayuki and Kurobara we met up with last night, you have other brothers and sisters who I have not yet met."

"Indeed, that is so."

As he explained it, since the battle with Garvarudan had happened just after meeting up with their other siblings, today they had arranged to meet up with them at the location.

Having waited on the bench for about ten minutes, judging from how Zen kept glancing over at the park's clock, I guessed that the agreed upon meeting time had already passed.

Seated next to each other on the corner of the bench, Shirayuki and Kurobara were stuffing their faces with a chocolate bar I had brought as emergency rations. As I had been tasting it, the two of them had been staring at me.

"The sweets from this time period are also good nya."

"……Un, delicious."

They were apparently quite delighted with the chocolate bar. These apparently had inherited their mothers' interest in food.

"……Their late huh."

Saying that, Zen stood up and started walking towards the exit of the park. At that moment, having seemingly discovered something near the entrance to the park, Zen stopped. "Oh no" he said while covering his face with his hand, seemingly annoyed.

Concerned about what it was he had discovered, I, together with Shirayuki and Kurobara, made my way over to the park's entrance, and directed my gaze at what Zen had been looking at.

"Hey, obaa-chan, going by the map, I think we should be pretty close to the place."

There, on the opposing sidewalk across the street, there was a blonde haired young girl with a map in one hand while holding a elderly woman's hand with the other, while from behind them a chestnut haired young boy followed. Raising their hands, the three people energetically crossed through the pedestrian crossing.

Once across, the young girl and boy bowed deeply to the old woman while expressing their thanks with a "Thank you very much".

After confirming that the old woman had parted with the blonde haired young girl and the chestnut haired young boy, Zen approached the two of them while letting out a sigh.

"Nee-san! You are publicly displaying your presence within this time period!"

Zen spoke as such to the young girl. As Zen had said it wasn't good to have too much contact with people from the past. Even in the case of that old woman, it seems that originally she had lost her way. By shortening the amount of time she remained lost, even this could result in changes in history. Even such a simple change could have consequences since it could turn out to have tremendous impact down the road. Well, in the case of rescuing an old woman who was lost, it's not likely that it would influence our future selves…….

Upon recognizing Zen the young girl put on a smile devoid of worry.

"Ara, if it isn't Zen. Were you were looking for us? Moreover even Shirayuki and Kurobara! Are? What about Kurenai nii-san?"

The young girl paid completely no mind to what Zen had said. Apparently she was Zen's older sister.

"Nee-sama."

"Onee-chan nya♪"

As for the two catgirls, they came together and embraced the young girl who held them in her bosom.

Zen had become completely perplexed trying to interact with this young girl.

"……Geez, nee-san is……. Is Kurenai nii-san just moving about as he pleases?"

Zen spoke to the chestnut haired young boy.

"Shin, seeing as you were accompanying her……, it's impossible huh?"

The chestnut haired boy——the boy he had called Shin, shrugged his shoulders.

"……It's usually impossible, since it is Airi nee-san."

The boy called Shin, along with the girl called Airi who had been standing behind, then became aware of me. Zen provided them with a brief explanation, and after they understood the situation they proceeded to formally introduce themselves.

The girl gave a self-introduction.

"Nice to meet you, first generation Governor General Azazel. I am called Hyoudou Airi[20]. My mother is Hyoudou Asia……um, in this time period she was called Asia Argento. I am the eldest daughter of my father, Hyoudou Issei."

Asia's daughter! Aah, I had felt that that was the case. After all her appearance is just like that of her mother right down to the color of her eyes. Even the length of her hair was a perfect match. Asia's daughter doesn't seem to be as vigorously lively as her however…….

Subsequently the chestnut haired boy——Shin gave his greeting. There was a crucifix hanging on his chest.

"Likewise I am the son of the Sekiryuutei Hyoudou Issei and Shidou Irina——the third son named Shidou Shin."

This guy was Irina's son huh. In addition to having the same hair color, the face also matches. From this it could be sensed that he was that girl's son.

Indeed, the ones Zen had planned to rendezvous with, they were Asia's daughter and Irina's son huh. Together with Zen——whether it was unexpected or just inevitable, it was the same combination of three like their parents, Asia, Xenovia, and Irina, who had such a

good relationship.

Having all them gathered here reminds me, even in this time period they are wearing clothes that don't stand out. Naturally, they weren't ordinary clothes, but rather seemed to be specialized clothes which had been made to emphasize defense however……. What their bodies had been clad in had been bestowed so as to not influence history, which made me think that they had been prepared by their parents from the future.

Well then, as far as the children I have met so far, they include Rias, Asia, Akeno, Koneko, Xenovia, Irina, and Kuroka's children! All the same I chose to inquire about the order of their births.

"Just a minute, can you explain the order to me. Specifically I'd like to know your ages and the sequence in which you were born. Of those I've already met, Kurenai, Zen, Ex, Shirayuki, Kurobara, and now Airi and Shin……"

At that point, they seemed to have understand even though I wasn't able to talk smoothly.

It was Zen who delivered the reply.

"Kurenai nii-san is the eldest. The next one to be born was Airi nee-san. They were born in the same year. After that, there's myself, Shin, and one other who are the same age. The next youngest is Ex and one other person, and then after Ex it's Shirayuki and Kurobara."

From what Zen had said, I could sense that Ise had even more children! Oi oi oi, if that's the case, just how many more are there!?

"……Wait wait, if it's as you say, it seems there ought to be a proportional number of little brats too……"

To my inquiry, Zen nodded.

"Yeah, they are non-combatants……or, perhaps I should say that there is a significant number of our siblings who are still young. Those of us who have come to this time period, we are the members who have come of age to do battle."

"The numbers of us sibling who are interfering in this time period is a total of ten."

Shin had continued to follow up on his reply.

……I see, so Ise and the others, they really went all out. Although one would expect devils to have a low birth rate, in this case, making a great contribution to the society of devils, Ise of the future, having fathered children to his heart's content, had become a parent to so many.

How? Wouldn't it be unexpectedly difficult to have children with multiple women? There's no mistaking that it's absolutely mind boggling. Fufufu, just imagining it was like drinking sake.

As I was feeling astonishment and admiration, suddenly a miniature communication-type magic circle appeared next to Zen's ear. It seemed to be a communication from the other siblings.

"Hmm? Ahh, it's you huh. ……What!?"

Zen was astonished by the report he received. Simultaneously, Zen produced a small magic circle in his hand and projected a map from it.

"No, just a, wait, Ex! Refrain from taking action on your own!! Didn't we all agree to that when we came to this time period!? O-OI!! Ex!!"

It appears that Ex——Rias's son, was the one who was communicating, but Zen was yelling "OI!" angrily at what his younger brother was conveying.

Airi inquired of Zen.

"What's the matter? Is it from Ex?"

Zen nodded.

"——Ex, he's encountered the 'UL'. The opponents are only the subordinates of the 'Invade Fanatics' however, that guy, he said he'd do it himself……!! He wouldn't even send me the location!! Damn

it!"

Even though Zen had cursed, Airi was simply laughing out loud.

"Well, that certainly seems like that child. Alright then, I'll contact him personally."

As Airi said that, she made a communication type magic circle develop near her ear. It seems that it had immediately linked up with Ex.

"Ex! It's me, Airi. Since we will also be coming over there, please wait just a little. Please refrain from doing anything on your own."

At that instant Airi was releasing a silent pressure from her entire body. For her to be exuding that from her entire body, this was some girl!

Airi, who was floating a smile that was just like that of Asia, spoke to her little brother through the magic circle with intensity in her voice.

"――Did you not hear what I said?"

Seeing this, the pair of Shirayuki and Kurobara were hugging each other in fear.

"Scary, Airi nee-san……"

"Nyeah……never ever make Airi onee-chan mad……"

It was apparent that Zen and Shin had both turned pale.

……Ooh, to think that the daughter of the gentle Asia would have become such a bold child……. Clearly something must have happened in the future.

An instant later, Airi's whole face broke into a smile.

"Indeed, that's fine. You're such a good child Ex. Well then, please wait while we head over there."

The exchange of communication having ended, it appeared that the aggressive Ex had been forced to yield.

Airi spoke to Zen and Shin.

"Zen, Shin, let's go. We're heading to Ex's location, where we'll blow away those 'UL'."

The pair of brothers responded.

""Yes.""

Airi stroked the heads of Shirayuki and Kurobara.

"Shirayuki and Kurobara should stay on standby here temporarily. Please follow us once Kurenai nii-san arrives to rendezvous with you along with the other siblings." The pair of catgirls nodded.

"Yes."

"Understood nya."

Airi's appearance as she gave orders gave a strong impression of her seniority. Having said that, as Asia's daughter, for her to have become a girl of such lucidity while possessing looks that were identical to those of her mother……. When I had started encountering Ise's children who had come to this time period, I had imagined that Asia's children would have had quiet personalities. By no means would I have expected this.

Truly, it was clear that something or other had happened in the future.

As I was thoughtfully pondering Airi's face, the young girl, becoming aware of my gaze, touched her face with her hand while showing a confused expression.

"……What is it? Is there something on my face?"

"No, it's just that you're rather energetic for Asia's daughter."

To what I had said, she looked at me blankly, and they broke out

into hearty laughter.

"Ahahaha, people often say that. Of all our mothers, she was the most airheaded of all of them. It's because of that, right?"

Asia's daughter spoke with valient green eyes. That——without a doubt that was the same look as her father Ise.

"Naturally I said 'I will protect Okaa-san!' just before I left."

The daughter of Hyoudou Issei——. I could agree to something like this. Couldn't it be said that that guy had produced some magnificent children?

However, as I was thinking that her siblings let out troubled sighs.

"……Just now, it's troubling how these things keep appearing before us every time, nee-chan."

"Going by all we've been told about the time father was young, this resembles that to some extent……."

Zen and Shin were uttering such words of advice to their sister.

Airi, the sister in question, replied while wearing an energetic smile.

"What are you saying? Isn't the front line my stage? I wouldn't be a woman if I don't dance flashily."

Having said this, Airi then spoke to me.

"Come now, First Generation Governor General, let us make our way to the coordinates that Ex has sent us."

——The front line is my stage.

It seemed certain that I would come to understand the meaning behind those words Airi had uttered.

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The place I transferred to together with Ise's children——was in the

neighboring prefecture. It was a certain quarry site deep in the mountains.

……Although it was a different location, it resembled the place where Ise and the others had previously battled Loki. This was the place that Ex said he discovered the aforementioned 'UL' . Even though it was still daytime, we could immediately sense that there were strange waves in the air coming from the quarry. This place had already been changed into a small unusual space.

Surveying from under cover the entirety of bare rock of the quarry that resembled a special effects movie was a crimson haired young boy maintaining an alert posture.

We all walked up to Ex, at which point Airi inquired of Ex.

"Well, what's going on?"

"……Just now, five of them transferred to this place."

As he said this, Ex pointed ahead.

There was something like a large magic circle shining on the ground, and there was also an identical one floating in the sky above it. Stationed around the circumference of the magic circle were the small fry 'UL' who were acting as guards.

From the magic circle in the sky, no more than half of a lustrous black object had appeared. It seemed to be in the process of transferring to this place. Already on the magic circle below, it was dotted with four identical black objects that had finished transferring. They all seemed to have the form of extremely thick cylinders.

Those were also 'UL' then. Far from the human and dragon forms, there were these ordinary columns as well. ……Well, they were originally lifeforms from a parallel dimension. There would appear to be no method to measure them by our scale.

Zen spoke to me as I was making this very interesting observation.

"Regarding that——those 'UL' can each be said to also be one part

of 'Beuba Rekorugu', one of the 'Eclipsed Seven Luminaries' Rezwo Roado's 'Invade Fanatics[21]'."

"One part? What do you mean by that?"

To my inquiry Zen and Shin replied successively.

"For specific 'UL', they have the special ability for independent beings to separate and combine. 'Beuba Rekorugu' is an executive possessing that trait. By separating his body into numerous parts, it becomes possible to transfer them all one by one."

"It's due to the whole being so gigantic. It's impossible for him to be transferred through time without doing so in small pieces like that. Because his size is so large, the amount of energy required to transfer it swells as a result."

Separate and combine——. Since it apparently was a lifeform with combination mechanism, it was most certainly a robot. In other words, that huge 'UL' had separated it's body, the pieces of which were being sent to this time period one at a time. Well then, if they were all able to reunite and combine it would return to its original size.

Ex let out a breath.

"It was fortunate we became able to capture him early. It would not be an exaggeration to say the ability of 'Beuba Rekorugu' is that of a strategic weapon. If they had managed to successfully transfer all of him here and reunite him, who knows what could have happened……"

A strategic weapon was certainly bad news. If such a thing were to be sent here and allowed to rampage for a day, it would obviously become a major incident. My explanation would be insufficient since it would apparently become an international problem for all the people of influence. It would be best to take advantage of the situation and kill it right here.

Since Ise's children also understood this, they had already assumed combat readiness. Each of them had produced their specialized

weapon or skill. ——Speaking of which, weren't those a pair of battle purpose fingerless gloves which Airi had produced, which she was now putting on her hands!!

As I was unable to hold back my astonishment, Airi made a gallant proclamation.

"——Let's go then. Ex, would you please fight as well."

As she spoke, taking a single step forward, and like that faced the direction of the 'UL'!

"Oi, that girl, just now, when she said 'the front lines are my stage'……is that true in battle? Is that really a child of Asia?"

I inquired to Zen about Airi who was brimming full of fighting spirit.

Zen floated a broad grin.

"Airi nee-san, among us siblings she stands alongside Ex as an ace of a vanguard."

Shin continued.

"At any rate, among the children of the Sekiryuutei Hyoudou Issei, Ex and Airi, the two of them are tied as the strongest in combat. And the one whose battle skills were influenced the most by father is Airi nee-san."

——! I found these words astonishing as well. ……How could this be. For that Asia's child, and moreover for her daughter, to be the type fighting alongside those on the front lines!

As I was once again in shock from the answer to my questions, Airi's figure completely disappeared with a *Suu* sound, and in the next instant several of the soldier 'UL' near the circumference of the magic circle were smashed by punches and kicks! Her use of Tai Sabaki was magnificent[22]. Her movements were refined, like someone who had been studying martial arts since childhood. Using movements as though she was dancing, those kicks she was throwing were full of vigor, and the force produced through the

rotation of her hips was applied to her fists. At the moment of impact she instantly raised her aura as the blow hammered into them.

From where in those thin arms did she get so much power. You could truly say that she was Ise's daughter, as she completely resembles him as a power idiot.

"We can't just entrust this to Nee-san alone."

Leaving behind a red motion blur, Ex began chopping up the 'UL' at high speeds.

As for Zen and Shin, they were stunned by how their older sister and younger brother had started a battle immediately upon arrival.

"……In this manner, those two really do resemble each other. Whether it's staying true to their words, or commencing attack as soon as they see their opponent."

"Well, shouldn't we follow after Nee-san and Ex like we always do? Now, shall we go?"

Zen prepared his Durandal IV, while Shin grew one pure white angel wing and one dragon wing and carried a specialized Japanese sword in each hand. He was wielding Katanas in a two sword style? They probably weren't ordinary Japanese swords. The twin style swords were continuously releasing holy waves.

Zen and Shin having now joined Ex and Airi at the front, the numerous soldier 'UL' surrounding the magic circle were routed. Those guys were firing off beams, balls of light were being fired, but Ise's children weren't worried as they bravely defeated them all one by one.

……I didn't even get a turn. More or less, I was about to manifest a spear of light in my hand but……

'Boost!!' 'Explosion!!'

A familiar voice resounded. It was coming from the gauntlet Ex was equipping——the artificial Longinus, which resembled the Boosted

Gear.

Something was heard being fired from the gauntlet, following which a cartridge popped out. Instantly, an enormous crimson aura was released from the gauntlet, which wrapped itself around Ex's sword. It greatly enhanced Ex's own personal aura, causing his movements to become much more nimble. In that condition, why, he was mercilessly slaughtering the 'UL' splendidly. It seemed to function similar to the Durandal IV Zen carried in that it increases in power by using a charged bullet.

While the operating mechanism seemed to be somewhat different, fundamentally in terms of ability it was perfectly identical to the genuine Boosted Gear. It would double power, utilizing that power to improve one's physical abilities.

I also caused destruction by firing an enormous javelin of light at the 'UL'. For the time being, it could be said to be an effective measure against those guys, this apparently being due to the countermeasure-use technical equation Himejima Kurenai had taught me, so the spears of light I fired were capable of bringing down small fry 'UL' with some effectiveness.

It was a technical equation discovered to bypass the unique barrier not visible to the naked eye that covers their exterior, so just incorporating it into one's offensive technique was enough to overcome them. Well, it was more like overcoming it through bulldozing it rather than undoing it, so it performance was abominable. Although I would like to immediately teach it to everyone other than ourselves, I can't let it slip to my students or else the equation may end up recorded in history. ……Supposing I were able to fix the equation, though that would also be extremely bothersome……well, for the present it's good enough it would seem.

With most of the soldier 'UL' having been defeated by this point——the radiant lustrous black cylinders from before began to rumble. Thereupon, the entire surface of each cylinder sliding with a clickity-clack sound, like they were transforming into something. Changing from the form of a cylinder, they now stood before us. There was a mechanical humanoid, a four-legged beast, and

something similar to a giant bird flying in the air, each having transformed from one of the cylinders. These five cylinders, it seems each of them transforms into a different shape.

Thus, the atmosphere that surrounded each of the transformed cylinder 'UL', which clearly exceeding that of the soldier 'UL', made it clearly recognizable that they would be especially difficult opponents.

——Then, just as I was thinking that, the bodies of the cylinder 'UL' that had already transformed were changing yet again; the arms of the humanoid took the form of gun barrels and pointed the muzzles at us! From the back of the beast-type a closely packed protuberance emerged, which produced objects that were shaped like missiles! Each of the various transformed forms of the cylinder 'UL' formed armaments all over their entire bodies!

Pointing them towards us, they respectively unleashed a bombardment, a missile attack, and a dive bombing run! Having no cover to hide from all these attacks from our opponents, we were blown away along with the solider 'UL'. It didn't matter if it was an enemy or ally!

Spreading my wings, I was just barely able to gain some distance and find temporary shelter. My entire body covered with a defensive-type magic circle, the bombardment pounded upon me like rain as I attempted to stop the damage from the missile bombing.

A mere one shot struck the magic circle with a heavy thud of an impact that was even transmitted to my body, easily causing the the magic circle to collapse. This kind of thing, just how many of them can I possibly withstand!

The quarry site, having been subjected to such a super widespread bombardment over a wide area, was enveloped in explosions and fumes!! Evidently the shape of the landscape had been forcibly transformed!! No, it was still in the process of being transformed! Huge craters carved into the rock face were still being formed!

Oi oi oi, the battle in the forest the other day was enough; did you

say that you think I should be in a position to clean up afterwards due to how remote this place is, expecting a perfect restoration this time as well!! Geez, it's good that we're preventing the complete transference of the opponent, since even this level of damage is far from normal!! I guess that's because it's a strategic class weapon. If it were allowed to complete its body it not only wouldn't just stop at noticable damage, I can't even imagine the result.

As for Ise's children——while I had boldly expanded a defensive magic circle, they were precisely knocking down the missiles and bombardment shots one by one with the specialized weaponry they were wielding. It appeared they were well practiced in this sort of offensive combat. These guys, you could tell they had been battling the 'UL' in the world of the future. Rather than curl up behind a poor defense they intercepted the attack and suffered noticeably less damage.

The bombing that was like a heavy downpour having ceased, Ex pointed his crimson sword at the cylinder 'UL' that each was one part of the 'Beuba Rekorugu' of the 'Invade Fanatics'. It seemed that he had invoked the power of the gauntlet.

Seeing that Airi gave him a warning.

"Ex, please stop overworking that 'Boosted Gear Diabolus'[23]. ——As yet, it's still unstable right?"

"But!"

Airi had spoken of the 'Boosted Gear Diabolus', which was apparently the name of Ex's gauntlet. It was usable but……it was still unstable.

Airi bravely took one step forward.

"……Here I go."

Thereupon, a golden aura being emitted from Airi's entire body, her hair began to sway.

The girl chanted a powerful spell.

"——Respond to my voice, possessor of the golden scales, thou who is great. For the sake of together striking dead the enemies before us——reveal thyself before me——!!"

Magic circles appeared on Airi's face, hands, and feet——the design that appeared was that of the dragon gate! Could it be she was using herself as a Yorishiro to summon the other party[24]!!? And then, I noticed a golden aura that was emitted from the pattern of the magic circle on Airi's chest!

A large amount of light was released from Airi's torso together with the magic circle. When the light stopped, there was a figure beside Airi. That figure's body——it had the silhouette of an enormous dragon with a golden aura. ——It was Fafnir.

You could tell it was Fafnir from the golden brilliance that was exuded from him.

"Fafnir-chan, I know you only just arrived here, but I have good news. ——We have met up with the companions of the one who placed the curse on Okaa-san."

Turning into light, Fafnir proceeded to wrap around Airi completely covering her.

——That figure of Airi's now appeared to be wearing a heavenly raiment.

"My artificial Longinus——'Gigantis Maiden Robe[25]'."

——An artificial Longinus!! So Airi was also carrying one! Moreover……this one used Fafnir as a core. I had also made use of Fafnir's borrowed power but this seemed to be the successor.

From the aura emitted by the raiment a dragon silhouette appeared. That silhouette then spoke.

'The honorable me, will lend my power to Airi-tan!!'[26]

Airi, while wrapped in the raiment, spun on the spot as though she was dancing in place, and her aura all at once vastly increased. And then, she and the silhouette of Fafnir cried out together!!

" 'Balance Adjust[27]!!' "

Instantly, Airi's entire body swelled with golden aura, a tremendous amount of it! The aura's brilliance formed a shape, which wrapped around Airi's entire body.

The golden light then burst, and from within it——appeared the figure of a young girl wearing golden plate armor!! Was this the pseudo-Balance Breaker[28] of an artificial Longinus!? No, I could sense that the power had stabilized compared to when I would sometimes manifest it!

Wearing the golden armor, Airi faced off against the lustrous black column 'UL'.

"——Counter Balance[29], 'Gigantis Blessed Scalemail[30]'."

——Counter Balance. Written as Demon Move but read as Counter Balance.

Zen gave this explanation to myself who was astonished at this phenomenon.

"In our time period, when it comes to artificial Sacred Gears and artificial Longinus, just like how for the genuine ones there's no issue with the state of their Balance Breakers——they're capable of reaching Counter Balances. For the Balance Breaker, it's merely the unleashment of power that destroys the balance of the world, but the the Counter Balance is the opposite. In comparison to the genuine sacred gears which are already stable by nature, this is a state which is attained by the possessor's power being used to forcibly stabilize the artificial Sacred Gear."

I get it, then this ought to be the fruit produced in the future from my present artificial Sacred Gear's Balance Breaker theories.

Well, I had believed that anything appeared to be possible, so thus having been show the answer previously……I was happy for it, but at the same time I was also annoyed for having it be directly answered.

So just as the Balance Breaker is a power up for the genuine Sacred

Gears, the Counter Balance is a power up for the artificial Sacred Gears.

Airi spoke to us while wearing the armor.

"Zen, Shin, Ex, and you as well first generation Governor General, if you all would please follow me."

Zen and Shin responded ""Understood"", spread their wings, and rushed forward.

Zen spoke.

"Ex! You're together with the first generation Governor General!"

"Zen and I will be the ones to follow Airi nee-san!"

As Shin also spoke, he once again gripped his two Japanese-style swords, thrusting them into the cylinder 'UL'!

Zen began a high speed battle with the beast-type 'UL'. Leaping high up into the air, it launched an attack at Zen who was flying in the air, but he simply evaded it. ——But a jet engine appeared from its back at that moment, spouting flames. Using the engine to change its posture in midair, it began to attack Zen who had evaded it's attack.

However, evading even that, Zen slashed at it with Durandal!

"GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!"

On the other side, Shin was fighting with the humanoid and another beast-type 'UL'. As he was continuously dodging the opponent's bombardment, the beast-type started to transform, taking on the shape of an enormous sword! The humanoid took hold of this, and swung it downwards at Shin! It was a combination attack by means of transformation!

——However, catching the blow with his two specialized swords, Shin forced the sword back!!

He slashed the humanoid with a cross slash!

"I'll simply deal with all you 'UL' at once! And let us say AMEN!"

The way he performed that cross slash, it certainly appeared to be the fighting style of Irina's son.

Zen and Shin would sometimes join up and follow up on each other's attacks. It seemed that they also moved so as to not be a hinderance to Airi against her opponent.

Speaking of Airi——while leaving a trail of golden light, she was moving about faster the one's eyes could follow. She was attacking the giant bird type cylinder 'UL' unilaterally, successively landing unseen blows on the opponent's body!

Finally Airi thrust her fist onto the giant bird's abdomen! When Airi withdrew her fist she distanced herself from that spot. The giant bird type 'UL', having received lethal damage, sparks began to fall from its entire body as though it was short circuiting, and while emitting smoke——it shattered!!

Just by having used the Counter Balance, Airi had disposed of it in a moment! Zen and Shin had apparently left her to fight independently. The result was that they were completely slaughtering them one by one——.

Regarding the actions of the three siblings, Ex smiled bitterly.

"Seriously, it's always like this whenever those three fight."

"Those guys, are they always fighting together?"

Ex nodded in response to my inquiry.

"Yeah, since Asia kaa-san, Xenovia kaa-san, and Irina kaa-san were close fellow companions, since they were young those three have always acted as a trio. Because of that——they have developed the perfect formation."

Like Ex said, Zen, Shin, and Airi were fighting as a trio, not bumping into each other, but rather they would each smoothly follow up on the other's attacks, completely decimating their opponents.

"There's nothing my Durandal IV can't cut, almost."

In the end, Zen bisected the beastial cylindrical 'UL' into two equal parts using Durandal's tremendous attack power.

On the other side, that of the humanoid 'UL' that was holding the 'UL' that had taken the form of a giant sword, Shin had simultaneously sliced through them crosswise. Shin then kissed the crucifix around his neck and spoke.

"——Against the famous spirit swords that have received the divine protection of the Holy Spirit, how could it be sharper than Kashuu Kiyomitsu and Yamatonokami Yasusada?[31]"

The one remaining cylindrical 'UL' transformed as well, becoming a half-beast half-man. The upper half of its body was humanoid, the lower half had the four legs of a beast, and there were also wings sprouting from its back.

As for Airi, she stepped right up to that thing.

"……Okaa-san"

Airi spoke with passion.

"Okaa-san, she always enjoyed growing flowers, and she took pride in her needlework. She was also proud of her cooking, having inherited the the Hyoudou flavor perfectly, and even Otou-san and Ojii-chan were pleased by it. Always smiling, never angry about anything, and because she was so unsuspecting, Otou-san, Faf-chan, and I were always very protective of her……"

An immense amount of golden aura was wrapping itself around Airi's fist. This young girl, she raised a tearful voice.

"Anyone who torments Okaa-san, I'll absolutely never forgive them!!!"

Zen, Shin, and Ex each continued at this point.

"That's about it. We will absolutely save Asia kaa-san!!"

"Naturally! I can't imagine never being able to eat Mama Asia's cooking again."

"Regardless of whether it's Loki, or even the 'Eclipsed Seven Luminaries', anyone who harms our important family――"

The three brothers, each swung their respective weapon whose auras had been instantly raised, and their older sister Airi――

"Don't underestimate the family of the Sekiryuutei, you idiooooooots!!!"

Wrapping her fist with the maximum amount of aura, she unleashed it all at the 'UL'.

Being struck by the coordinated consecutive attacks of Ise's four children, the 'Invade Fanatic', specifically a portion of the 'UL' called 'Beuba Rekorugu', disappeared within the light of the aura.

The battle having ended, as we were taking a quick breather we looked over how much the quarry site had changed in the end.

Airi discovered a piece of armor and went "Ha ha ha" while wearing a mischievous smile. She stuck out her tongue.

"I overdid it☆"

At this brief comment, her three brothers all muttered to themselves """Indeed you did.""" while sighing.

As it would seem, they've previously had troubles with their older sister's naughty manners.

Regarding the giant transportation-type magic circles the 'UL' had deployed in the sky and one the ground, Ise's children and I made them disappear together. With this we had prevented the possible transference of 'Beuba Rekorugu', or at least temporarily since it would take a long time to restore or reconstruct the magic circle. Essentially, it could be said that we'd repelled 'Beuba Rekorugu'.

——Then, Ex and the others apparently noticed the presence of someone approaching. Indeed, I could sense the aura of Rias and company in the vicinity. This was proven when they came into visual range. Since they hadn't sensed our presence, could this be the influence of the 'UL'? After all the power that was being released from that magic circle of theirs earlier was something even I didn't understand.

Ex and the others donned hoods, cutting of their aura. It would be unpleasant if their faces or aura were to be recognized.

Having been brought about due to the influence of the transference of the 'UL', the members of the ORC were now flying in the sky. When they spotted us, they flew down towards us.

When they arrived, upon seeing the severely altered quarry site, Rias was astonished.

"……Azazel, how did all this happen?"

"Ahh, this is umm……"

Scratching my cheek, I struggled to come up with an explanation. Well, it was certainly an attack of the 'UL'. I couldn't just say that it was a large scale battle with the unidentifiable enemy lifeforms……

Rias's gaze——was also directed at the hooded figures of Ex and the others.

"……Who on earth are you guys——"

The ORC members looked at them suspiciously.

Having raised her hood, Airi fixed her gaze upon Ise, Rias, and then Asia before turning to me and whispering.

"_____"

——!! ……I see. Smiling broadly in response to Airi's whispered words, I nodded once.

I was profoundly impressed by Airi's acting.

"Azazel-dono, we'll be fine from here. Well then, everyone, let's go."

[Understood.]

Ex, Zen, and Shin said this as they accompanied Airi.

Thereupon, a transportation-type magic circle expanded beneath their feet, and the four of them were enveloped in the light of the jump. The light burst——and they were transferred from this place.

Ise, who had been suspiciously watching Airi and company——his own future children transfer away, spoke to me.

"……They've left. Sensei, are those guys coworkers of Sensei's?

"Mm? Aah, sort of. There agents I'm acquainted with who are cooperating with us for this current matter."

They're your children, how could I possibly say something like that right now.

Suddenly, Asia took a step forward and inclined her head.

"Due the deep hoods they were wearing, I couldn't see their faces clearly but……it felt like they were looking at me very intently."

"It's because you're so cute Asia. Wouldn't anyone be fascinated by you? That must be it."

It was Ise who said this.

Asia held his hand and put on a gentle expression.

"However, from those people, I sensed from their ambience that it wasn't like they were looking at a stranger……"

——! ……Even though they had been born in a different time period, it seems that there was some mysterious communication that passed between them. At any rate, they were parent and child after all.

"To be honest the same goes for me."

"Me too, me too."

Xenovia and Irina picked up on what Asia had said.

"Now that you mention it I seemed to feel as though the short one was staring at me……"

Apparently Rias had also perceived something.

As the ORC members were in the middle of this mysterious personal experience, I thought back to what Airi had previously whispered in ear.

Airi had whispered in a voice that only I could hear.

——Regarding my name, Otou-san and Okaa-san named me that by taking the initials of Asia, Ise, and Rias. And thus, for that reason they gave me the characters of 'Love' and 'Truth'.[32]

As for myself, I felt deep admiration for the name those two had chosen; that it was a name that was not perfectly suited for her, I didn't feel that way at all.

It happened after Ise and the others had left this place. I noticed that my private line had recorded a verbal message. The playback was heard only by me.

'Azazel-sensei, I want to meet with you, but I guess there's no so good huh. As for me, I[33] am the superior of Ex and the others from thirty years into the future——Gasper Vladi.'

Finally, it was the long awaited notification of contact from *that guy* ——.

Chapter 4: Crimson Will

Part 1

Airi, Zen, and Shin had fought together with the others as the new generation of the Church Trio, and two days after the battle, I was at a café on the Kuou downtown on the afternoon.

After all, the battle at the underground quarry became a serious problem; I could not hide the situation anymore, but the VIPs… Shemhaza, Sirzechs, Michael, Odin, and Zeus could be trusted to be told the truth and keep their mouth shut.

Although all of them would be surprised, they would be convinced entirely since I was the one who told this to them. Well, there must be a god of time among the different factions of mythologies. However, I still could not comprehend or even saw even the slightest indication of the reason the evil gods and their underlings from different dimension could make their way and invaded this world in the future.

However, knowing the circumstances, the VIPs would consider this carefully and gave their consent anyway, so I would contact and secretly discuss with all of them in my private line. Well, I was the one responsible for the central problem in the swirl of this case. I would involve more until the matter is settled.

I would not give any details to the VIPs, just the summary. Not about Asia having been cursed by Loki, Issei's children who came to this timeline solving it or so they said, and I did not want them to hear about the future weapons, technology, and world situation. They would not let it through that, because this was not something most people are normally talking. This would lead to a major change of history, so this must be completely avoided.

I was with Issei and Rias' group, who appeared to me at the underground quarry.

"They seem to be a line of ancient weapons made and stored by the Old Gods in the Dimensional Gap, and they awakened suddenly and invaded this world."

I explained roughly. To put it short, the ones who had fought with me in the Kuou quarry against the enemies were the troublesome Vali team since they had problems with their acquired Gogmagog, although we already knew that Vali and his team got it at the Dimensional Gap…[34]

The club did not seem fully understand it since it was complicated, but they believed in my explanation anyway. Only Rossweisse, who is knowledgeable about this subject, was suspicious… although she still did not find the idea of "messenger from the future" was feasible at the present.

At this time, it would be typical for Rias to hear it from her brother Sirzechs. One thing for sure, we agreed to always take every precaution and keep in contact when we find other [UL]s.

… well, I was carrying a great responsibility in this. The key was to not let Rias and her group know about the children's true identity, as well as solving it before being leaked to other factions. Moreover, the fact that I cooperated with Ise's children must not be known by any other than myself. In this condition, the best bet for the siblings was to defeat both the [UL] and future Loki coming here at the same time. A very special mission with amazing level of difficulty, I guess…

…well, the good thing was that the children who came here along with me were strong, veteran warfighters[35], so it would be difficult for me to lend a hand to them in this mission. The problem was, they didn't show manners and attitudes common in this time. If they showed these in public, not only each mythology would be chaotic, but I guess there will be a colossal effect to humans too. It would be one of the greatest changes of history.

Or else, it would be too much for Issei to handle. That was more than enough determination to stop the [UL] from reaching their goals. I made that important decision while I was drinking my favorite green tea latte alone. I had scheduled to meet future Gasper after finishing my drink… that guy had contacted me earlier.

I set my sight to the unexpected visitor sitting face-to-face with me, who came just as I entered the café. The crimson-haired boy Ex

Gremory stared still at me. Right after the Occult Research Club went, I could see Ex used individual magic circle.

“Just a bit earlier and they will be able to see you.”

I said to him as the circle disappeared. I was interested in what he did and the boy just gave the green light for my observation. We hadn’t started any conversation and Ex had kept his mouth shut since we entered the café.

“So what is it that you want to ask me?”

“E, eh… it is…”

Ex just kept silent and put his head down as I stayed in place. I thought he was a bold boy standing at the battlefield like his parents, and he could just speak bluntly and to the point… but now I understood that the son of Ise and Rias could not face a person when he is talking face-to-face. This talk became nowhere, so I decided to ask again.

“You seem appeared all the way right in front of me with purpose. Is there something you want to ask?”

“…”

What was this, from his expressions and attitude I knew he wanted to hear something from me.

This was pointless. I better tried to cut out this conversation.

“Well, let me ask you back. What is future Rias doing? Is she the Head of the House?”

When I said that, his expression changed and Ex started to talk gleefully

“No, she retired and ceded the seat of family head to my oji (uncle) … Milicas-niisama[36]. Okaa-san now expands her business range into many different kinds of industry. We are also Rating Game players, although the game itself was discontinued during the war, after the invasion of the Evil Gods hit our world.”

Ex turned his eyes down as he continued,

“Once, Otou-san was also a player of the game. Because he is busy, even trying to present himself in a game is a difficult task.”

When he spoke about Rias, his tone was light, on the other hand, his lips became difficult to move when he talks about Issei.

It seemed like he had some kind of load when telling his father’s story, and I chose not to continue about it.

I had a bit mischievous heart; I tried to talk this out.

“By the way... do you like woman’s breasts?”

Ex paralysed in fear as he heard the question while sipping his tea.

The tea sipped into his mouth spat out as he coughed after he put back his cup.

“Ugh!”

I wiped the surface hit with his cough with a handkerchief. After his breath became normal, he complained as his face blushed,

“Wh, wh, wh, wh, wh, WHAT DO YOU SAY!?”

Uh-oh! A childish reaction! And it was not as innocent as I was thinking! Wasn’t it bad?

Ex continued after he cleared his throat with a cough and emptied his head.

“You say woman’s breasts… Well, all of our mothers have large breasts, so we are convinced that one is called a woman if she is buxom ever since we were toddler. At first, we didn’t recognize a woman if she has small breasts. When we were little, it was very rude to say that to Sona-obaue[37] so all we could do was stay silent.”.

I wondered what would happen to the kids if the father asked for the mom’s breasts too… Ah… it seemed like the children had a

little ordeal in their education. Poor Sona, she seemed to have gone through a bitter, awful experience from that.

Ex grasped the handkerchief as he tried to vent his anger by burying his face on it.

“Father who just marries women with large breasts is too erotic! Therefore, his children, including me, are like this! I was the only one being told that [The Oppai Dragon Song] was used as our lullaby song! ”

“I’m sorry; I was the one who wrote that song.”

I apologized immediately. As for the song… Sirzechs and I were the ones who made it.

Really, after being a nuisance for thirty years, the song would not matter anymore to the next generation that they even made it as a lullaby.

Ex panicked as I gave my hand as a sign of apology.

“No, no, it’s not that… no, although this might have sense.”

While some of Ise’s kids had tendency to rush in recklessly, on the other hand, their manners to elders are surprisingly polite and appropriate.

Indeed, several minutes of listening his conversation made me understand this boy. If I compared it with this era, the families supporting the Maous tended to show only slight level of respect in private times. Perhaps because Sirzechs and Serafall tended to show such appearance in private, their sisters Rias and Sona tended to become serious similar to their mothers. Similarly, Ex became very serious due to his sukebe father.

When I thought back, Ise’s other children are also serious. Perhaps being raised by foster parents did gave a major impact in their way of growth.

I became really interested with this and decided to ask more.

“How are Kiba and Vali? Are they alright?”

“Yes, Shihan[38] Yuuto-san becomes our mentor. Vali-sensei excavated ancient relics from the Old Gods era as well as the original Yondai Maous, studying ruins and artifacts while became obsessed with ramen. The first six months when I became his apprentice, I was ordered to wash the dish every day. Fighting and making ramen are basically the same for him.”

Putting Kiba aside, Vali was… half of my expectations. It was the other half that made this interesting… My goodness, he began doing research… As for the ramen... I had no comments for that.

“However, in the war, he fought alongside the other two…”

They would have become important main vanguards in the future.

The conversation hit, and we continued to talk small details. Ex became jollier as he warmed up to some degree.

“Ehm… how about your dad? That person is the most important in the family.”

We were cut out with someone standing in front of us.

“First Governor Azazel, I have come to pick you up for our superior.”

It was Himejima Kurenai.

With the appearance of his elder brother, Ex swallowed the words he already wanted to say. This father thing… I wanted to ask him if I could meet the future Ise.

Ex seemed to be in surprise when his brother came; I guessed immediately and smiled cheerfully.

“Ex, that’s right. It might be good if you also come. Our boss called you too.”

Kurenai, Ex, and I left the café to move to the designated location.

Kurenai took me to the vast underground space of Kuou town… where I first met him and the area I often ventured. Since he still had errands to do, he took his leave after guiding us. The eldest son had many things to do…

I can feel an amazing aura as I enter a space as it has tremendous unknown pressure, and when I looked further two girls stand at the front, one a blonde girl with four hair drills, and two a silver-haired girl with Valkyrie armor. I create a magic circle as a counter measure and tries to keep my sight ahead. So the pressure I felt was not from these two people.

Then, a shadowy figure appear from behind the wall. It was able to pass through it. When I look at it, a tall, blonde man wearing a black robe. He is very well-built, great physique, with a fearless look. He looks at me with a pair of red eyes. However, his strong, quiet aura are very nostalgic.

The courageous man gives a broad smile, and I walk to greet him.

“Hello there, Sensei.”

The smile has some reminiscent to it.

“You too. You must be Gasper.”

The man in robe acknowledge my words… Gasper nods.

“Yes, even if I have changed… I am Gasper Vladi.”

This is… a great surprise. No way, that delicate lad becomes like this. There are no signs of a crossdresser in this manly man. Even with that hair color, there is no sign of feeble atmosphere around him.

“Are you the one in charge with this mission?”

I say this while giving a handshake.

“Yes, I am in charge of the time manipulation of the time travel.

Well, I am one of Ise-senpai's attendant and have known the children since they were born, all of them will follow my commands."

As Gasper says that, Ex hides behind me, "…but, it's scary…" he lets out a word, and I keep that in my mind.

After Gasper and I exchanged greeting, we share the information we have in order to plan ahead with the situation, he gives the data of the alien enemy [UL] which are coming to this world.

They come to the past with future Loki in two organization: the Executives, 羅喉七曜, The Collective Seven Magnificent Hunters (apparently based from the seven magnificent samurai) where one of them is called Lord Renzo, and the Four Generals of Invade Fanatics. The Four Generals pulling all of their army of soldiers from the future are supposed to time travel with Loki, but the bulk of their forces are left behind because their time travel are sabotaged by Gasper and the future warriors.

However, the enemy didn't seem to recognize their Executive, that cylindrical [UL] thing before, let alone they forcibly transported a Pillar of the "Bespa Rekorg". Gasper and Ise's children are trying to stop them in advance and fought bravely in this era. Thanks to them, this era's world does not suffer a major impact yet. I really admire them now.

I ask Gasper,

"Guys, since you purposely return back to this time, will this affect the history of each mythology? Plus, you cannot contact Ise's group in this world."

Gasper nods,

"We must try not to do a major change in this era and our own time axis, but from looking back further in time, it is true that several branches of world lines have already made. We wanted to keep the proper history for the people, and we cannot let an existence become a major enemy in the future. At this time, the Satan Lord Ajuka Beelzebub is observing the different lines with my

companions which will become the key in converging them together. We are one of the advance teams dispatched from the future to extinguish the raging, violent [UL] in the past."

"The problem is, one of The Collective Seven Magnificent Hunters, Lord Renzo, tried to teleport here. If all the seven hunters come here, they will make a colossal impact on every mythology and it is necessary to avoid that at any costs."

I have heard that the power of the Seven Hunters each are equal to a Chief God in each mythology. If they begin to rampage in the past… then it will be my fault. Once this breaks out, I'm going to need to have serious discussion with Sirzechs and the others.

Gasper says with a meek look,

"If that is possible, then…"

Looks like there are countermeasures. I don't know how, but it will be reassuring if we can avoid an all-out war.

As Gasper and I are talking, the blonde and silver-haired girl finish their analysis and begin to talk.

The blonde girl says,

"Uncle Vladi, we have finished pinpointing almost all of [UL] the teleport points for the time being."

The silver-haired girl continues the report,

"We are also able to locate and identify all of our siblings that are sent here to this era at the same time."

Gasper gives a single nod

"Excellent, Robertina, Helmwige. Ah, Sensei, here are my assistants who is also Ise-senpai's children."

The blonde girl responds to Gasper by raising her skirt a little and gives her greeting

“Good day, Sir First Governor-general. My name is Robertina Hyoudou.”

“Hyoudou? But your aura is that of a Phoenix.”

Yeah, the aura raised from this girl is that the fire of Phoenix… but being Issei’s daughter, her Dragon aura is also inherent.

“That’s correct. I am the daughter of Hyoudou Issei and Ravel Hyoudou. I don’t use the Phoenix surname because mother left the house. Therefore, I use the last name father has been used in the underworld. I’m the same age as Ex-kun, by the way.”

Since she gives herself to marry Ise, Ravel cannot use the Phoenix name. She also cannot use Gremory, so she uses Hyoudou.

That reminds me, one of the [UL] soldiers mentioned the Hyoudou name.

The two hair drills is Ravel’s characteristic, but it’s funny to see that her daughter have four.

“Seems like future Ise has a different name.”

As I say so, Ravel’s daughter Robertina gives a small laugh.

“He has different names when he is outside of the house”

If it is so, then he at least to have two names combined with him.

The silver-haired daughter with Valkyrie armor (which takes form like the Boosted Gear Scale Mail) greets me politely

“I am Helmwige. My father is the Sekiryuutei and my mother is a Valkyrie. I was born at the same year as Zen and Shin-kun.”

“Ah, I can tell from a glance that you are Rossweisse’s daughter. You’re just like your mother.”

She’s very much like Rossweisse, except she makes her hair into a single long braid. Most of Ise’s children I’ve met have their mothers’ characteristics.

Rossweisse's daughter, Helmwige, says

"I have one more brother who is a magic user, but… he is born in the original timeline, so I have to fix the future for him to exist."

Robertina gives a discontent sigh,

"Rather than choose the Holy King Sword Collbrande, that boy chooses to be a wizard instead. It's such a waste of his talent!"

You guys have an amazing bloodline, to say the least.

"He is more selfish than Ex-kun. You must not question your father and mother's reputation and make it your own problem! You're like that, eh, Ex-kun?"

Robertina folds her arms

"That's a rude remark."

Seems like Robertina has a knack for saying rude things and giving nicknames, as Ex can be seen looking at her with disgust as if he is saying "I told you so". Ravel's daughter seems to be fond of their parents. Her rude remarks roots from her mother's ojou personality

Gasper strokes Ex in the head, surprising the boy.

"It's a good thing as siblings to care for each other. Ex, you need to be a little calm like Robertina said. You are more reckless than your parents do. You need to drop that, you know?:

"…I got it."

Ex accepts while looking down.

Wow, I can feel that Gasper had grown up and give a mature opinion like that.

I am really interested in this future scene that I am seeing in front of my eyes.

A magic circle suddenly expands at Helmwige's feet. It seems to

appear automatically. The symbols on the circle moves in a dizzying pace. I become restless.

Helmwige reports to Gasper with grim expression.

“Vladi-san, this is serious. A [UL] battalion has been sighted near Kyoto.

And so, those people’s battle continues….

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Part 2

Ex, Gasper, Helmwige, Robertina, and I arrives by the teleportation circle. We are at the mountain trail between Kyoto and Shiga Prefecture. We jumped directly to the location where the [UL] were reported.

Ise's other children who are not with us must be quelling the rampaging [UL] somewhere.

While walking on the lush mountain trees, Ex whispers,

"They're aiming for the Kyoto Youkais."

I follows his words,

"There must be a clan which has different abilities in this era. Geez, it doesn't make sense. Is there any representatives of the Five Great Houses or strong Youkais in your ranks?"

Gasper speaks,

"Yes, we have… The enemy wanted to terminate them along with one of the Sekiryuutei's relative who lives here before it's too late."

I wonder if that is certainly the case. We are heading toward one of the gates leading to the place… where Kyoto Youkais reside.

Sure enough, I can see the old-fashioned Torii shows up on the back of the mountain. It is one of Kyoto's rear gate. The atmosphere oozes a very strong eerie feeling around the area. It is a group of [UL] soldiers with silver bodies. A large shadow gives an imposing aura on the center… it is the machine dragon Galvaldan!

Several days ago, its left arm was blowing out steam because Zen cut that off. When we meet it again, it is clear that it had it replaced with a very thick drill-shaped limb. I can feel something very brutal about that evil drill sword. It also has a new weapon, installed in its back like a rucksack. It is a good thing we pass through this gate. If these ferocious things begin to rampage in Kyoto without anyone

knowing, I won't know how much destruction and damage they can cause. Gasper shrouds himself in extraordinary aura and charge valiantly to the [UL]. Judging from the abysmal amount of energy, his growth potential is far beyond me, and it is clear that he is the most powerful of us.

After seeing Gasper's appearance, all of the [UL] turn their gaze at once to him. As soon as the enemy commander, Galvaldan, sees Gasper, he puts up shining eyes. "Don't think you'll come here too, Gasper Balor."

Gasper sets his arms in a stance, staring at Galvaldan while emitting intimidating aura. I don't see any signs of his present day's cowardly boy persona. He becomes very strong. I am very impressed.

Gasper asks Galvaldan,

"Galvaldan, one of the Four Generals of Invade Fanatics. What brings you to this place? Is it to bring crisis and chaos to those who live in Kyoto?"

"Well, that. However the real purpose is that I want to grab this damn thing."

As it says that, Galvaldan shoves its left drill arm.

The drill rotates at high speed as it buzzes and generates a dangerous vibe.

"Of all the Four Generals out there, I was the one sent here and was given this drill weapon as a replacement for my missing original arm given by Addoza. Even though I sent that bastard my original arm as a model for making the replacement… This thing is good."

"However, because there is a powerful barrier erected in this time axis, it was a struggle just to transport this damn thing… Well, yeah, your interference will be a nuisance. Thanks to the misaligned transfer point, I have come right next to ya."

That same drill was transported from the future as a reinforcement part meant to be used by Lord Renzo, but now it's being held by

one of the Four Generals. And by the successful efforts of the future warriors, all the last of Four Generals can do is to transport weapons and their support. From the talk of this proceeding trip to Kyoto, it seems that the transport point of the drill weapon was shifted out of the designated coordinates, and incidentally sent to this era's Kyoto. In a split second, Galvaldan ignites its rocket engines, making a blaze! It jumps directly, but I immediately create a barrier around the area for cover. I need to minimize the damage as much as possible.

"Oh, well! Not so bad. Let's put this thing on trial! It's time to pay back the condition that you guys gave last time now that I am in perfect condition! Drill baby driiiiiiiiiii!"

The new drill arm is so intense, its impact to the ground creates a shockwave after a missed attack to Ex! He flows backwards due to the sheer shockwave!

Robertina flows sidewards, the [UL] soldiers begin shooting bottomless bullets at once towards her, but she just sweeps the attacks with the skillful use of her Phoenix fire and the bullets just disappear as if nothing happened.

"It's useless. I am invulnerable, that's why."

As she says that, Robertina sprouts huge, feathered fiery wings on her back, and sweeps over a group of the enemy soldiers, burning them all on the spot!

"You paid for using those small fries to be my opponent."

At the same time, Helmwige deploys numerous magic circle at her front, and shoots countless number of spears. Each spear is tied with a magic scroll and hit another group of enemy soldiers. I can hear explosions when it pierces, and others are visible in a frozen state after hitting. Both girls are strong!

I also shoot several spears of light, and hit several [UL] without any difficulties. The problem is there, and I lay my eyes at Galvaldan.

The hit is not fatal, but Ex did not receive severe injuries

accumulated in his body.

Once it gets some distance, Galvaldan slouches his stance. It unpacks the weapon on its back. It mounts countless missiles! The numbers are terrible! It can level the whole mountain!

“FIRE IN THE HOOOLEEEEE!”

Galvaldan fires the missiles, and he aims towards us.

Suddenly, it becomes quiet. There is no noises of fighting, and the sounds of flying missiles disappear, as if the time has been stopped.

All of the missiles has been stopped in mid-air. Galvaldan and his [UL] army are also stopped. I know this phenomenon!

Gasper’s red eyes glow and he takes one step forward.

“Azazel-sensei, I will stop the time surrounding Ex and company.”

The time running around us is stopped, but Gasper says we can move. All the [UL] and the trees of the mountain are also stopped. Not only stopping the time in a dimension, but he can also move in that time-stopped dimension.

“If there is someone who can move in this time-frozen world of mine, it would be only those who have my permission, Gods and transcendental beings (Super Devils), the new generation Satans, and those who are equal to the Two Heavenly Dragons.”

Gasper says that.

If he can do this, would this mean that he becomes one of the strongest being in the future?

Robertina suddenly speaks

“[The Champion of Time and Space] Aeon Tycoon, now you can see why Uncle Vladi is called [a transcendental person (Super Devil].”

“A transcendental person (super devil)? Gasper?”

I ask Robertina,

“After thirty years, there are six people who become transcendental beings (Super Devils) in the Underworld. Among them are Uncle Milicas, Lord Ajuka Beelzebub, and Uncle Vladi.”

If you can completely control time, it’s not strange to be one yourself.

“At that level? How about Ex’s?”

As I ask, Gasper expands the shadow under his feet. Darkness wraps the missiles fired and stops them in mid-air before vanishing in thin air.

Gasper says to Ex,

“Ex, we need to pass through this battlefield, can you charge and dispose this good-for-nothing boogeyman?"

Gasper points his finger to the frozen Galvaldan.

“Good, Ex. When the time starts tickling again, you can finish Galvaldan off. I know you’re still thinking about your father, but you cannot solve anything if you put yourself in the dark and let it cloud your judgment. ”

Probably because someone mentioned his father right at the front of him, Ex speaks intensely,

“I know… I know! But sir Vladi! No, Uncle Gasper! Even Mother Asia fell to Loki’s Curse, and he couldn’t even show up to prevent that!? He is an important man, yet he cannot visit and see us face-to-face!”

“So, you cannot forgive him?”

“…”

Ex remains silent, he cannot answer Gasper’s question.

At first, I want to ask Ex about his father, but from what I see

now…Seems like he is weighing Ise's values using me as a comparison.

I think that he is having serious teenager "daddy issues" since he seems cannot decide whether he likes or hates Ise.

However, Gasper shows his sincere smile to Ex, and says exactly what I am feeling right now,

"You should know, Ex. That man loves you as much as the whole family. There are many reasons he cannot stay over, let alone gives a chat and plays with all of you like fathers commonly do."

"But still!"

"You will find the answer naturally on your own. For now, change that feeling into your power and stop this guy. I will loop back the time flow… Unleash the power of the Two Heavenly Dragons inside you and win this battle."

"tch!"

As Gasper points his finger, I can feel a power surge on Ex.

Then, after Gasper snaps his finger, the world starts moving again.

"This is…"

Galvaldan was surprised to see his missiles have vanished in an instant, and set his sight and think that it's all Gasper's work.

Gasper says toward Ex,

"Since you cannot just rely on your strength alone, I want to ask: what is your resolve that makes you through all the events in your life?"

Galvaldan looks with bright, dangerous eyes.

"This is tickling my skin, if you ask me. I'm different from that Super devil man said, you know?"

Ex is affected very much by Gasper's words and starts to charge his gauntlet.

"Hah!"

Ex lets out his Kiai and raises his crimson aura in an instant. He holds his crimson sword.

"Alright. I, who have inherited the blood, body and power, and taught how to use them. I am the inheritor of the [Crimson], Ex Gremory!"

Red aura continues spread and wraps Ex,

"Balance Adjust!"

"[Scarlet Dragon Counter Balance!!!]"

There are small debris flung to the gate!

Red dragon arms and legs appear, and finally Ex are wearing the crimson-colored Scale Mail.

I think the Heavenly Dragons and Airi's golden plate armors that they wear are light, therefore allowing more nimble movements. Ex sprouts four scarlet dragon wings from his back, and the Scarlet Blade Galatine changes form. He seems to have a different type than his father and elder sister.

He charges the Power of Destruction to his sword, and flies with maximum dragon power.

"Boosted Gear Diabolos Counter-Balance: [Crimson Dragon Sword of Extinction] "The Existence Cutter" Scarlet Blade! With the will and strength of the Heavenly Dragon, I combine it with the power of this cursed holy sword, prepare yourself, Galvaldan!"

[Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade!!]

A powerful voice raises from the gauntlet's jewel.

At the same time, crimson aura keeps increasing to the sword.

Ex jumps out without giving a sound! The next moment, crimson flash goes through Galvaldan's chest, where it is slashed off!

"Crap!"

Galvaldan's body parts are cut and it becomes clear that he is no match to Ex, and the kid keeps slicing the mechanical dragon in Godspeed! He moves so fast that he cannot be spotted even from my eyes.

Ex adopts his mentors, Vali and Kiba's combat method, and I wonder if it is the Counter-Balance's surprise attack. He combines both his parents abnormal powers… Dragon powers and the Power of Destruction to his sword. Galvaldan seems cannot anticipate his strikes.

I see, it's just like what Gasper says, Ex must learn how to be strong, because they are the next generation with great power, but that comes with great responsibility.

That is the symbol of the future people… Ex Gremory!

"DAAAAMMMMNNN IIIIITTTT!!!!"

Galvaldan emits magnanimous amount of laser rays from its body, but it's not something that Ex cannot deflect with his sword, fused with the artificial Longinus!

"In the name of the house of Duke Gremory, I will absolutely defeat you, Galvaldan!"

Ex lets out a noble, brave ambience appearance, which makes me remember of a certain person. I cannot catch the lightning fast combat with my eyes… Ex lets out crimson flashes with his sword that I cannot even catch a glimpse in this backwoods.

[Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade Boost Blade!!!]

Finally, Ex cuts its left drill arm, then right arm, and finally its legs!

The mechanical dragon only has a head and torso, and its body falls to the ground face first!

Gasper tells the two girls not to miss the chance,

“Now, Robertina, Helmwige, is the chance to send it back to its world! I’ll open the dimensional gate!”

“Yes!”

Gasper, Robertina, and Helmwige create identical magic circles at the same time, which works as a chronoplast portal in the size of Galvaldan’s body. As the circle shines, it tries to resist the action.

“In this state, I’m done for!!!!”

It tries to escape with its waist rocket.

“That’s not gonna happen.”

I shoot two large spears of light to destroy its rockets. The mechanical life form even rolls to try to escape, but the teleport circle kicks in and wraps it.

“DAAAMMMMNNNNN IIIIITTTT!”

It roars for the last time, and finally disappears in the glow of the circle.

Wearing red aura, Gasper looks at Ex who fought fearlessly and says proudly,

“Ise-senpai and my master Lady Rias once said to me that Ex is very much like Lord Sirzechs.”

So, that’s why. The glimpses I got earlier from Ex is because he has shades of Sirzechs in him.

We confirm the defeat of Galvaldan and his [UL] underlings.

The forest does not suffer too much damage, so I will repair it later.

However, it's a big achievement that Galvaldan is sent back to the future. With the coming of reinforcements, it will reduce more casualty in the future war in this world. I wonder how much there is the remaining enemies other than Loki and Luma Idra.

But just after catching my breath, another report comes.

"Impossible!"

Robertina is astonished to hear the report from small magic circle on her ear.

"Uncle Vladi! Sir First Governor! I have received a report from elder brother Zen! Right now Mother Rias and the Occult Research club is being attacked and on the brink of collapsing!"

Crap! Among the enemy forces that are spread, the big ones came directly! Are they so desperate because of our direct intervention!?

So the fight against Galvaldan is just a decoy!?

The fight goes toward to the climax!

Chapter 5: The Forbidden United Front

Issei's children, Gasper and I arrived back at Kuou town returning from Kyoto.

After receiving prior information from Robertina, I also had contact with Rias' group.

The specs of the identity of the unknown enemy… they seem to have fought… Loki.

It doesn't matter if it is just the regular [UL] troops, but if the information from Ise's children mentions that bastard Loki and the Executives also attacks them, so those youngsters are the people in danger and they need to avoid contact at all costs.

Every time Ex and his siblings are absent from any place, I will need to know that the place must be avoided by anyone.

But I am relieved when seeing the future children of my students. Even when the situation becomes worse, these siblings will return this era to help.

In response to Xenovia's son contact, we go to an abandoned ruin complex in the Kuou town suburbs. The siblings swiftly wear a special helmet so that their parents do not recognize their faces.

When you look at Zen and Shin, these two kids… (they must not allow their parents to see and recognize their weapons, period), but they will fight with the [UL] army here in these ruins. We participate in this battle and kick those small fries' ass.

"What is the situation?"

I ask to Zen while throwing a spear of light.

Zen says after cutting some enemies with his Durandal IV.

“If Rias-kaasan and the others clearly met Loki and Ruma Idra, Kurenai-niisan then must forcibly teleport them somewhere. He will come with Shirayuki and Kuroibara!”

I see, so that’s why the ORC haven’t seen the siblings. They had teleported their parents out.

“After the attack, I cannot help but to teleport the [UL] soldiers back.”

Zen added.

Well, I think they will do that no matter how. No matter if it is the regular ones. The problem is the enemy’s Seven Hunters and Loki.

“So, is Loki and Ruma Idra important?”

As I ask, Shin points to the rear exit of the ruins area. There is a black, round mass of aura floating in the air. The size is enough to wrap around one person completely.

That round aura feels strange. I can feel pressure from that.

“We temporarily sealed Ruma Idra there. **It seems like the Sealing technique that Rose-mama gave us is finally have some use!**”

So, in that large black aura, there is a sealing technique that the future Rossweisse started to develop. Seems like you are blooming your skills and creating useful things in the future, Ms. Rossweisse.

Ruma Idra is here. Then…

Zen says as I’m thinking

“There is one major problem”

Shin follows swiftly,

“There is one in pursuit of our father who teleported early! It’s Loki!”

Zen explains,

“Our father, my mother, Asia-kaasan, Irina-kaasan, Master Kiba, and the other five people, their teleport point was shifted due to Loki’s intervention in the fight. Father teleported with that bastard to a coastline at a neighboring prefecture.”

Issei, Asia, Xenovia, Irina, and Kiba, the five of them are separated from others like Rias and Akeno (including Kurenai, Shirayuki, and Kuroibara) and did not teleport. They jumped to a different place with Loki.

Shin says impatiently,

“Fortunately, Loki was able to be sealed with Rose-mama’s technique, but Airi-neesan is also included. We have to do a sacrifice before Loki could be sealed. Our sister is in very bad condition!”

Zen describes with a timid expression,

“The God-slaying Fang… A new Fenrir!”

So you also brought that, that bastard Loki!

I have assumed for the worst possible assumption. The worst assumption… one of them, is that the future Loki comes in contact with the other beings in different dimension that has more advanced technology and cooperated in dangerous research.

In other words, it is a new creation of the evil god Loki, who have given birth to the world many dangerous monsters.

New Fenrir! There’s nothing else worst. I don’t like it when we are forced to fight with that monster!

Of all the supernatural beings that exist, Fenrir is strong enough to enter the Top 10. It’s a heinous monster.

Even when the Two Heavenly Dragons cooperated and we have planned and prepared for the major battle, this guy was the last to be beaten. Even Vali could not defeat it using Juggernaut Drive.

This Fenrir is a new creation. Perhaps, no, it must have

incorporated the technology of the different world. I don't want to imagine if he had created other monsters.

I think it will be better if I go to Issei's place. Although there's Airi, but they will not have enough strength for this.

I call using the video comms from my chest. The Grigori cadres… I can't get in line with my comrades.

I have assumed that they will be prepared for this kind of situation at first, but… still no contact or response. It's almost done that I can't wait any longer.

I quickly leave from this place, to catch and prevent the [UL] soldiers by expanding the magic circle jump point meant for teleporting to Ise's place.

But, at the same time, distortion can be felt at the sealed black aura. I notice changes in the barrier flux, then a shape made of black spheres jumps out at high speed! A group in shapes of edged weapons that have been freed from the seal moves freely like having a will on their own, and goes toward us with blinding speed! A remote-controlled slashes!

We are able to fend off the weapons that are wielded by the dark figure before reaching our position thanks to the huge, wriggling shadowy hands. The shadows… no, the hands that stopped them are Gasper's. He catches them.

The remote-controlled weapons return back to the original of the black aura inside the barrier. At the same time, BOOM! The barrier breaks off with an explosion.An entity appears from the barrier. It is a mechanical being in human form, featuring sharp features in blue shades… Ruma Idra.

The amazing weapons controlled from afar returned behind its body. **Apparently, they are parts of wings that attached on the right side of its back.** The [UL] unique eyes emit strange pressure that cannot be felt. It's obvious that this opponent is very hostile.

Gasper goes one-step forward,

“My apologies, Azazel-Sensei. It seems like my opponent is over there.”

Gasper stares at Ruma Idra’s form with suspiciously shining eyes.

“Super Devil Aeon Tycoon-dono, I’ll keep you company.”

Gasper says with fearless smile,

“So you are the partner of the one considered to be the strongest of the Invade Fanatics, Lord Renzo. Well, it would be nice. I hope you can stand my ‘time’ and ‘space’.”

“Fu, that seem to say ‘parole’.”

Gasper turns to Robertina and Helmwige.

“You’d better continue to enact barrier so that this area will not suffer major damages.”

“Ufufu, Uncle Vladi always say something unreasonable.”

“That seal development cost was expensive, you know. Once she knows that it was not very useful, mom will sure faint.”

Robertina laughs, while Helmwige puts a facepalm, and I take a fighting stance accordingly.

Gasper says to me,

“I want to ask you a favor, Azazel-sensei. Go to the senpais. I believe that together, we can save the past and the future.”

I can feel his complete confidence in his voice. Really, relying in such a way….

I expand the teleportation magic circle while shrugging.

“Geez, the only ones that come to me are troublesome things. Well, somehow I always manage.”

Gasper is grinning and laughing as I say that.

Ruma Idra aims with what looks like a cannon on left side of its back as I say to Ex,

“Yosh, let’s go to Ise’s place!”

I jump to Ise’s location along with the swordsman group of the siblings.

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We jump to… an isolated coastal area that practically no population exist.

“Sis!”

Pale green aura is clearly visible from the sands reflecting its light. When I look closely, Airi is wearing her golden armor, receiving healing from her mother Asia.

We rush to Airi and Asia’s location.

As soon as she confirms her brothers, Airi says while holding pain,

“You’re almost late. Really, to have my younger brothers surround me when I’m in emergency situation…”

“Don’t speak, sis!”

Ex shows his worries.

Large scratches are visible in Airi’s armor from New Fenrir’s attacks. If you can hit that much on an Artificial Longinus made from Fafnir’s power, even the strongest devil will not stand that kind of opponent.

I set my sight on the air and there, I see Ise wearing his crimson armor, Xenovia, and Irina had been engaging in a desperate battle against a huge monster with silver furs.

Huge monster… Even when still struggling to hold the onslaught of

New Fenrir, Ise who had been fighting evenly somehow decided to take a distance.

These guys have asked for our help, and we come here in hurry.

Ise rushes to me,

“Sensei! It’s the Silver-fur Fenrir and that guy Loki! What’s going on?”

“I’ll explain the situation later. Are you okay, Ise?”

Ise turns his eyes to Airi who has finished being healed.

“Yeah, I have avoided the worst expectation because the warrior girl with armor took the attack. However, the enemy is indeed strong, and it is only alone.”

Issei looks up to the air. So the thing floating right in front of us is… a large silver wolves on the moonless night sky. It is a wolf in metal clothing… I wonder what words best to describe this. **Its size is larger than the original in more than ten meters tall.**

I look up at it with bitter smile.

“It is a mechanical life form of Fenrir, or as I should call it, Metal Fenrir.”

When I look carefully, I’m certain a black sphere of aura is approaching the shore. It must be Loki, who has been sealed by future Rose’s magic.

The future Loki seems capable to incorporate technology from different dimension and later use it to create new things with his own power. This is what happens when *a guy with wealth but a bad taste do horrifying research and combines them with things from different dimension*. Whatever that means, this horrible thing is born.

Even how to seal Loki inside a sphere permanently is not something that has been invented. If we cannot stop this guy here, I will hear a lifelong scolding from that old man Odin.

Shemhaza even cannot tolerate waiting to receive the items delivery schedule.

Let me check our squad attendance list first. We have me, Ise, Xenovia, Irina, Kiba, Asia, more children, Ex, Airi, Zen, and Shin. Asia is a backup.

I ask Zen in a small voice,

“First things first, Does Kurenai or Gasper have the ability or decided to bring something that can function to erase memories from the future?”

I want these guys to avoid encounter with their parents as much as possible, but there will be a limit in how they can interact. I hope they bring some kind of a memory wiper device as an insurance. Even in this era, we have one made with the Grigori technology.

Zen nods to my question.

“I have been given such thing since the main parameter of this mission is to avoid cooperation as much as possible. So, we go with ‘forbidden united front’.”

So they have a mutual agreement…

“”“Roger that!”””

Ise’s children responded courageously and charge towards Fenrir.

As Ex and the four others jumps on the air, they began to crack and shoot Metal Fenrir.

Since they are war veterans in the future, Ise’s kids are very powerful. They are far stronger than their parents are at the present, but so does Fenrir, their opponent. The surrounding near Loki becomes weird, too, so they need to exercise precaution.

I shout to Ise’s group,

“Ise, folks! I have an idea! You cannot win like this! If you don’t wanna die, you better keep moving!”

“Sensei, is that what you call a solution?”

I scream to Ise while giving a thumb up,

“Well, that’s it. Don’t die you guys!”

“”“YES!””””

Ise, Xenovia, Irina, and Kiba reply as they jump onto the air. Asia summons Fafnir and acts as backup. I also follow them on the air.

From here, it becomes a cross-era story starring both parents and child at the same age!

“Aaaah!”

“Heyah!”

“Aiya!!!”

Ex, Zen, and Shin attacks in unison with their sword slashes. There are no visible damage, but apparently enough to momentarily stagger Metal Fenrir.

Kiba looks in wonder of their sword style.

“It’s exactly like my sword. All of them…”

Well, of course it does. You’re the one who trained them, Kiba.

Fenrir tries to rush sharply in order to outmaneuver Ise, but it was prevented by a direct hit from the front by… Airi, wearing her armor.

“That… was not me Sekiryuutei-san! I’m sorry I show you a pathetic figure several minutes ago!"

“Ei! Don’t say that! A girl wearing armor like me and fighting on the front line with taijutsu like Sairaorg-san is something you cannot see everyday, I’m so glad you’re so reliable!”

“Because the person that I honor the most is a fighter and master of this style!”

“I also wanted to be honored that way!”

With those words, Ise and Airi emits energy at the same time to give a direct blow to Fenrir’s nose.

Ah, go, Ise! No, do it!

Now, on the other side, Xenovia and her son slices at the same time! A unison between Ex-Durandal and Durandal IV!

“U, umm… Xenovia-san! You will not hit the weak point if you just use power and momentum alone! Look for an opening and strike to land a perfect hit!”

“That’s good, but that only applies for the right move on the right place. You do the skillful techniques like Kiba, I press on with power!”

“No, no! You need to cut through an opening with your sword skill!”

“Do not say things like Kiba!”

“Aaa, such person of this era!”

Well, the Xenovia of this era is the Power Idiot type, so Zen does not continue the conversation about the techniques he learned from Kiba. It’s an interesting scene to watch.

“Seems like they can talk so fittingly.” Kiba is also impressed by Zen’s performance, but pity that he has to wait for more than ten years to meet him!

If there’s a family who does not fit talking at all….

“””Haaah!”””

Alternate cuts are made by slashes emitting light. That’s how the parent-child duo of Irina and Shin!

The parent-child combo between Xenovia and Irina is a very precious scene, becoming more heartwarming when you realize

they are in a mortal combat.

I also decide to poke in a chance in this sword-crowded fight to strike Fenrir with Kiba.

Although our strikes does not give a fatal damage to Metal Fenrir, we did not put on the defensive.

However, this kind of change affects both ways. Distortions begin to occur at the black aura surrounding Loki, and it's only matter of time before he breaks out.

I want to do something about it but since they are busy dealing with Fenrir they cannot give a hand. Eventually, from the inside of the seal, he shoots out a thick magic blow!

A deadly attack at high speed… it is aimed at Asia!

""“It's dangerous!”""

Our voices overlap!

I have jumped earlier, but three others goes, who are Ise, Ex, and Airi!

“AAAASIAAAAAA!!!!!”

Ise is the one who rushes in Godspeed. He shows a fiery spirit along with brute force, and lands right in front of Asia before Loki's magic!

Ise becomes a shield for Asia by blocking the magic attack from the front… but the magic divides at the last second and becomes many rays of light!

That guy Loki should have been doing millimetrical precision to split the attack.

Some of his magic hits Ise and Fafnir, but some others pass through Asia's back.

But the magic that are meant for her are slashed out. Ex slips

between Ise and Asia and cuts the magic with his crimson sword.

“Thank you! My name is Asia Argento…”

Ise tries to say his gratitude for saving Asia, but Ex shouts without control,

“You’re always like this! While you continue to be the hero of the people, because of that, without realizing you create gap, you and I…”

Ex tones down his voice despite yelling with vigor,

“I want to deny this but… despite all odds and desperation, you keep fighting…”

Your father will not able to understand if you don’t tell your identity, Ex. Ise scratches his cheek,

“Even if I don’t know you well, it’s natural for me to protect Asia and the others, to the point of becoming some kind of an instinct.”

Ise told Ex head-on.

“Whether they are friends or family, No matter what happen, anytime, anywhere, I will protect them will all my power, and I catch the ones hurting them, even it means going to the corners of the world!”

Ex is surprised to hear Ise’s… his father’s words, and immediately gives a smile.

“You’re saying the same thing again, in this moment, you keep protecting… You surely are my dad.”

So this is what Gasper said to Ex before about finding the answer inside himself.

“Fuhahahaha!”

Loki’s howling laugh is echoed throughout the area.

After breaking out of the black aura barrier, the Evil God comes for the second time. Fenrir also returns to his lord.

Loki strokes Metal Fenrir's cheek,

"It's a good seal. That Valkyrie, even her magic seal can imprison a God."

Loki casts a glance to us.

"This is just a hateful rambling for me. Now it is a good time to clean up."

After saying that, he raises his power and begins to emit divine, yet ominous oversized aura from his body.

In response to its master, Metal Fenrir also begins to emit silver aura from its body.

Loki takes out a scepter from his chest[39], with five symbols engraved at the tip glowing. He begins to scream while raising his cane!

"Show me, bastards! Show your parents who you really are!"

Enormous amount of light covered the whole area! We are blinded too much from the glare and put our hands at our face to cover it.

When the light ceased, the thing appearing before our eyes is… ***Loki wearing full length Scale Mail, emitting continuous silver light. I can feel strong wolf energy and the chest projected a shape of wolf's head.***

Loki, wearing his Scale Mail, talks,

"Fufufu, being fused with the Fenrir [UL], this Loki is no longer your regular GI Joe enemy."

Bastard, imitating Artificial Sacred Gear, and he changed it into an armor too! This type has been beneficial despite I'm being made a fool of the other mythologies for spreading this idea!

Well, surprisingly, because we are the ones who invented it, we become more flexible and dynamic to think and form our ideas. I wonder if my sin in this has some benefit.

Without hassle, Xenovia, Zen, Shin, Irina, and Kiba slashes Loki.

“Fun, small fries.”

He raises his right hand and traps power with his magic, which forms a swell of great magic in the air, and easily blows all five people near him! Our swordsmen fall to the sea! Only those who put their energy to the blade stay.

Loki sends his line of sight back to us again,

“Do you want me to ruin Sekiryuutei’s school and the house. Including all of his friends and family, former Grigori Governor?”

Loki lets of eyes hellbent for murder. It is clear that he has a bitter grudge towards the children and us.

Crap! Now I am able to imagine what the dangers are if different Gods of different dimensions intersect. It’s impossible, that virtually anyone can begin to copy Sacred Gears. Can any evil god just stop and don’t create nasty things?

Ex can feel the danger, it seems, and activates his own gauntlet!

“[Balance-Adjust!]”

He tries to activate Counter-Balance by increasing his aura, but jewel in the gauntlet only faintly shines, not responding to his feelings.

“It doesn’t react? No, I’ll do it again! Balance Adjust!”

He tries to activate it again, but the Artificial Longinus does not react all over.

Airi speaks to her brother in this condition,

“Did you overdo it? Are you already in Counter-Balance? It is still

necessary for you to train to use it continuously without pauses; the superiors already said that to you, right?"

From his sister's attention, Ex shifts his sight to Asia, and says in a tone like he was being tortured.

"Shit! I still cannot fully reach Counter-Balance!? Even in this crucial moment? And when I decide to help father and everyone?"

In order to save future Asia, there is no other choice but to catch Loki. However, the current Loki wearing Fenrir's armor becomes one of the most dreaded being. I will have great frustration myself if I do not have all my power in this dreadful moment.

Loki laughs out loud.

"Fuhahaahah! You're fake, after all. I cannot feel the threat level like your father do. This era's Sekiryuutei is also not that great. Call all of you here and I will turn you to dust!"

Loki increases the magic power on his right hand to maximum level as he repeats compressing it and collect heinous amount of aura. The massive amount of aura surges intensely.

I can feel something completely insane since my body trembles violently after I take measure on that mass of aura. Once it is shot, this entire coastal area… no, the world map will be carved and repainted.

In this intense scene that even I have to gulp my saliva, my communication device starts vibrating. I can't even imagine if I don't answer it.

I expand a magic circle with my hand; lo and behold, some things have been transferred.

Finally, what I have wanted!

In my hand I have been sent… **a dagger**. A decorative gem is embedded onto its pommel.

I laugh out involuntarily.

“Kukuku...”

Loki looked to my reaction with interrogative look.

“Hey Loki. Do you think that I did not prepare anything?”

I cite the chat while holding my dagger.

“Respond to min summon, O daughter of the Mother Goddess Gaia, the Mother of Dog Monsters, Echidna. Allow me to make the King of Monsters appear before me!”

A huge silhouette appears as my magic circle expands along with my chant.

Something gargantuan is unleashed!

A giant, thirty meters in height with bluish skin, appears. With full wings on its back, its upper body is that of a human, but the lower body is a snake. Its hand holds a large spear.

The giant laughs.

“HOHOHOHO! I answer thy invitation, O head of the Fallen Ones!”

The giant scatters his improbable amount of aura around the area as she laughs excitedly.

Indeed, Loki seems startled as he sees the giant, and says with a shaking voice.

“Impossible! That’s… you have Typhon!”

So this is the giant monster of the Greek Mythology… Typhon.

He is the father of Orthrus, the two-headed dog who guarded the Cattle of Geryon; Cerberus, the multi-headed dog who guarded the gates of Hades; the Lernaean Hydra; Chimaera, the mix-and-match beast; the Nemean Lion, Regulus; Scylla, the sea version of Hydra; and the Evil Dragon Ladon.

I say this while turning the dagger around my hand.

“Oh, yes. Both Fenrir and Typhon are among the Top 10 strongest beings in this world, am I right? It is the legendary monster in the legend of monsters.”

I even unintentionally said the phrase that the good ole Zeus had told me in our agreement.

That discussion was “allow me to make a pact with Typhon”. In legend, Typhon is a dangerous demon that even the Gods of Olympus have difficulty handling him. It’s a cheesy talk, but no one really sure what happened. After all, his name also becomes the origin of the word “Typhoon”, a type of storms.

However, after it’s said and done, Zeus gave his approval. On the other hand, Typhon issued me one very unreasonable demand and conditions, but I accepted it anyway, and made a one-time pact.

After signing the pact, I took him with my technology.

I hold the dagger and say to my students and the children.

“Take a good look, jolly good lads and lasses. This is the result of my development work as the inventor of the Artificial Sacred Gear system. Pseudo Balance-Breaker… Counter-Balance!”

In response to my battle cry, Typhon holds his spear.

“YOOOSH! To fight a God from different mythology and go on rampage, I don’t think it can happen even once!”

Typhon’s large frame synchronizes with the dagger and begins to shine light! The light then wraps my body completely!

“Balance-Adjust!”

After I said with vigor, the aura begins swirling!

My body is wrapped in armor with dark blue and black colors, and I hold a trident in my hands. Jet-black wings of the fallen angel grows from the back, waist, and leg parts of the armor.

I easily turn the trident.

“**[The Armor of the King of Monster of Destruction] Days Typhon Beast Another Armor.**[40]. I do things my own way, UL-Loki. I’ve been showed too many terrible things to make me fear. From my perspective, what you do is a bad move. In this situation, being just a bystander is not a good Fallen Angel.”

Yeah, Airi showed me the Counter-Balance the other day. Now, we have applied it to our technology.

I have reached that far and told this for myself. That if something great or an emergency ever occurs, I don’t care about my pride anymore.

If I’m about to die in this kind of situation, I better choose to go on a titanic rampage. Even if that means putting a legendary monster inside a one-time use Artificial Longinus capable of using Counter-Balance.

“Don’t underestimate me, Fallen Angel!”

Loki shoots the magic attack from the compression he created with his hands!

I will hold the trident at the front without fleeing, aiming at Loki’s magic blasts… using only one swing!

One swing of the trident bisects Loki’s magic blast into two! As I swing down the trident, the sea below me collapses as the blast bisects the ocean.

Further swing of the trident to the coast area, not only it scrapes the sandy beach, but it also goes to the mountains as well. I swing it down softly, and the waves of the sea moves in the sparkling moonlight. I have never able to experience the horror of Typhon. Now, he is my ally. I’m able to wield his power freely.

Loki has his shoulders trembling with anger.

“Shit… that’s my full power…”

“My what? Biblical or Norse Mythology let’s decide which technology is better in this fight.”

Ise's children and I… Ex, Airi, Zen, Shin, I look at them in turn.

I have decided from the time I met with Issei's children.

I will return all of you safely to their original timeline.

After all, they are important children of my cute students. If they lie, will I have to have my skin peeled off?

Well anyway, this is your story lads. I wonder if you can include my involvement in the past?

Chapter 6: And So, To Tomorrow…

Part 1

A full-scale battle between Loki who was attacking from the future and I… The apocalyptic fight in the air had been going for several minutes.

“Yaaah!”

My trident was able to pierce through Loki’s defence, comprising of a complex barrier system without much trouble.

“Ugh!”

Loki spouted an agonized voice.

He was able to utilise the technology brought by beings from the parallel world, the [UL] to give birth New Fenrir and made it into his armour… As the inventor of The Artificial Sacred Gear system, with its pseudo Balance-Breaker, Counter-Balance, I was also able to wield and equip a similar set for myself, and with this new armour, I was able to break through that bastard god’s prided armour many times. Each time I did that, a circle formed on the armour plate.

However, this did not mean that I was overwhelmingly dominant. That monster… Metal Fenrir also had been improved, and being fused with the Evil God, its power was very much stronger than the original.

Even with a mere sweep of aura from the both of us, it is enough to split the sea and grind the neighbouring mountains. Magic attacks caused fiery inferno dancing in the moonlight, and froze any wide surface of the ocean it touched. Having a pact with the King of Monsters, Typhon and made him inside my Days Typhon Beast Another Armor, granted me power that no one can control.

But…

“Ha!”

“Haaah!”

Ex approached behind Loki in a flash! Meanwhile, Ise fired a Dragon Shot, which seemed to support his son's strike!

"What a pain in the arse again and again with these guys!"

Ex managed to land a single blow, but Loki stroke away the crimson-haired boy with aura, and readied back his battle stance after having been hit with the Dragon Shot.

ORC members with the future children surrounded the god. They created a dense formation that enabled them to strike directly should Loki decided to run.

Thanks to the children, I was able to show Ise's group the power of the Artificial Sacred Gear without regret. Finally, with the offensive capabilities borrowed from Typhon, we were able to corner Loki.

We went with a strategy: I fought Loki straight on, while the guys stripped his power down each portion. Since the enemy was alone, the effect was much amplified.

Since Loki was too dependent to his armor, I hit him with my trident many times and allowed the armor to be rebuilt. However, the armor's strength weakened overtime even though it could be repaired with amazing speed, and it can be indicated that he had rough breathing from his shoulder movements.

I also thought that Loki's magic strength was not worthy being called a power of a God. In addition, he kept expending Fenrir's heinous power but had to rebuild his armor back to shape many times. Even it was said that Gods have limits.

Ise's children in the future were used to fight God-class beings, so it was natural for them to fight using this hit-and-strip tactic and making their enemies exhausted. Ise and the others also had fought Loki and his minions once, so they knew and were able to adapt to Evil God's fighting methods.

First of all, they were able to execute well-placed and powerful strikes with amazing level of coordination, something they gained from their training, research, and wartime experience. Even if they

could not grab the real situation and they could not see each other's eyes, the parents and the children could feel the invisible bond to make them work together. Despite being in combat, I could see many wonderful scenes of them together.

"You punk are always doing something with this Loki! Even in that era, even in this time, you always hamper with my desires! The greatest sin and crime of the Asgardians was allying themselves to the other mythologies! I was condemned for causing Ragnarok! THE ONLY ONE!"

Loki let off a frustrated cry.

Loki's frustration extended to the aura cladded on his body. Ominous aura began to take form.

I breathed in mourning.

"Well, how about this. How can you lend power unrelated to anything, being a machine like that?" (I'm not sure on this, will work it later).

Previously, this person appeared before us as Odin led his faction with the Alliance, attacking by the premise of being the Evil God of the Norse Mythology. It was said that this guy was given "justice", being an Evil God and all.

However, his eyes did not show it, and he continued to unleash his unfathomable resentment from his body.

After his defeat, did his values collapsed after being in a prison for three decades? Or say, he had been thoroughly enveloped by the parallel world's technology and concepts?

… Surprisingly, both aspect could be combined and in turn could shake his brain to a degree. So in turn, he incorporated the technology he got from the [UL], time-shifting, and flew to this era! If he is the original Loki, he would not hit anything other than the Norse Mythology.

Well, it's not that I could not help it to make me hesitant when thinking about this guy's turning point. First things first, he must

tell the children how to cancel the curse cast on future Asia.

I could feel the robust barrier that I erected throughout the area began to rip due to the corners being breached. I could see cracks in the air, getting larger and becoming holes, and humanoid [UL] with blue body appeared… Ruma Idra, the Hunter and Leader of Invade Fanatics, checked the situation, letting out a visor-shaped eyes.

“Apparently we are losing a great deal of our forces here.”

It said in a mechanized voice.

It could break into the barrier I erected. Whether it was the nature of its powers or the technology from the parallel world that it used was not known… that bastard Ruma Idra, it just dropped its body and able to go away. The battleground was pretty much in ruins, with cracklings and sparks scattered everywhere.

This guy should have been fighting the future Gasper. But it seemed that Gasper was wounded by it.

It came here… by fleeing his own fight. I did not think that Gasper with such tremendous aura would lose. He was even accompanied by two Issei’s daughter.

When I was thinking of it, three magic circles appeared and Gasper, followed by Robertina and Helmwige, made their appearance! Of course, those three wore a mask to cover their identity from Ise and the others.

Gasper dropped to me as I asked him ironically,

“Does this bother you?”

How much the Invade Fanatics leaders were, Gasper is a Super Devil, so he would not have much trouble in most fights. He would not flee either.

Gasper said,

“Forgive me. Apparently this being’s main body has been transferred here.”

Body? I was disturbed with this and gave this question in my head.

Ruma Idra landed beside Loki.

“Loki-dono, we will do the other plan.”

Loki opened his armour’s mask while listening to the Hunter’s plan. He put out a rapturous smirk.

“I see. Fufufu, well, it will become fun if it happens. These folks will fall, whether it is sooner or later.”

After talking, its visor-shaped eyes shone suspiciously.

Then, a crack began to appear again, but this time it was larger, more wider in size compared to the last time Ruma Idra emerged!

Through the hole on the big open space, object of scale beyond my imagination showed up! Diving gradually on the crack is the bulk of a… **blue battleship!**

A warship on the sky! The bow had a sharp shape similar to a crow’s beak, there was a big symbol on the hull, but I did not know whether it was a military insignia or the alien’s symbol, an eerie pattern was painted on the body of the ship.

Eventually its shape was revealed in the open space… I measured it to be at **least 1000 feet**[41]. This guy brought this terrible stuff!

“WH… WHAT IS THAT!?”

Issei shouted loud with the advent of that unexpected battleship.

I also wanted to say it out loud as my mark of surprise whether this is Ruma Idra’s body or not… but what happened to Gasper? I looked at Gasper and he nodded in silence.

Part 2: The Chichiryuushintei, True Oppai Dragon

“Even if we were able to kill as many human-sized [UL] as possible, we have to teleport them back at the same time. You should have already know it this time, Sensei. The leaders act as nucleus/core for that huge main body and anchor it to their designated location. This is the first time I know that Ruma Idra is one of the cores. We are lacking intel.”

So you said that this battleship was the mechanical life form’s main body and Ruma Idra was one of the brain?

Ruma Idra said to Gasper

“My apologies, Aeon Tycoon-dono. As long as I do not bring out my body, I will just keep returning to this ship via its pod. You should destroy the main body if you want to defeat me.”

Ruma Idra looked above as it raised its hand. At the same time, the battleship changed its form… becoming its body. The mouth-like shape on the bow started to open and let out a blooming, hammering roar!

A part of the ship’s bow cracked open and in it appeared… a horrible, large red eye!

Ruma Idra was on the front salvo, and said loudly,

“A single shot from my main body can destroy any target and penetrate any kind of barrier, be it space and time or dimensional. As long as my power source remains, I will bombard all events in the past.”

What! What in God’s name was that! Not just space-time bombardment, but also historic events shelling as well! No, perhaps they just did not want to destroy mythologies, but they also wanted to destroy the history of mankind!

Once you can do that, there will be nothing in this world, no, even a world line would not exist!

While I was not involved in many past events of mythology, I just could not stand it when one wanted to interfere with the accumulated parts of history of humankind!

A huge ejection port began to start moving, and at the same time, energies began to gather!

I screamed towards everyone!

“YOU GUYS! YOU HAVE TO ABSOLUTELY STOP IT BEFORE IT MAKES EVERY LAST MOUNTAIN IN THIS AREA GETS WRAPPED IN DARKNESS!”

“Roger That!”

Everyone felt in awe of what that battleship was doing. They prepared themselves so that they can charge from my command. Ise’s group followed Gasper and I.

However, from the hull of the ship, Ruma Idra launched several copies of his humanoid cyborg form! Each of them were on the same level as Galvaldan, we would get our hands full just for taking care of those guys! It made worse that these cyborgs were remote-controlled and should the children faced it head-on, they would not be able to approach the battleship in full power.

I could easily take the lead with Typhon’s armour and hit all the cyborg copies… but the Artificial Sacred Gear reached its limit. If the balance between my physical and mental strength collapsed, the armour would not hold. **Keeping up with the King of Monsters’ Artificial Sacred Gear was tougher than I expected.**

Ex and Airi looked for another salvo, an attack was shot down remotely with a shout.

“Crap! All history will be wiped should that shot hit!”

“This is not gonna be the same joke from all the disturbances of the war of our time! I’m coming!”

Ise, Zenobia, Irina, and Kiba were also struggling to hold the other Ruma Idra's copies.

"I don't understand it well, but I do know that hit is going to be bad if it hits!"

"Oh, somewhat I want to wreak havoc on that battleship!"

"These cyborgs are strong!"

"We need to reach the battleship before it fires!"

Both Ise's group and the children were fighting hard…

"Hahaha! Does the Sekiryuutei's group disturb you from firing the bombardment?"

Loki returned and joined the battle! If only I could use Typhon's armour and Gasper still had his Super Devil powers, we would have crushed the cyborg copies in no time.

It was not good enough! It was all up to my Counter-Balance when it would be capable, and when it did, the only way was to charge an intense, suicidal one-hit blow to the battleship!

While deciding the solution, something colossal began covering… a blue barrier!

God damn it! Even if I could get people making barrier just on the size of the battleship, we would just able to make one or two layers of barrier!

It was a do or die moment! If we failed, the history, the future…

It was when I was trying to remove **the limiter from Typhon's armour** that I felt something that this area was covered with powerful energy field. As I looked to it, it shielded Ise's and all the present day group at once and stopped, having been solidified on the spot. It moved past me, to the children, as it seemed to be someone from the future.

Turning my eyes towards Gasper, I could see him spreading his aura

to his whole body and his eyes glowing red.

He had stopped time?

The battleship's salvo had stopped, but Loki and Ruma Idra were still moving!

"This is…"

"Did Gasper Balor stop time?"

Those guys seemed to notice the change in situation.

Among the divided party between those who could move and those who were frozen, Gasper had a wry smile.

"It seemed that the "countermeasure" that we talked the other day has finally arrived, Azazel-sensei."

If I followed Gasper's sight yesterday, I could see a teleport magic circle been deployed in the air.

The pattern was that of a clock with the hands, and it turned counter-clockwise intensely.

What appeared above the circle was… **a blonde girl with a pair of red eyes. She had a unique vampire feeling very much like Gasper.**

The vampire girl greeted me by raising the hem of her skirt.

"Good day, everyone. I am Hyoudou Issei's daughter. My name is Ernestine."

After the greeting, the girl gave a cute smile, but said something like this.

"I brought my dad here."

In a moment, a large teleportation magic circle appeared behind the girl. The pattern forms like the letter "A"… the Gremory!

From there, in about a hundred meters in size, a huge dragon

appeared with crimson scales.

Ruma Idra was trembling at the sight.

“What! It’s the Sekiryuutei, Hyoudou Issei!”

Loki also seem to be looked hostile toward the colossal crimson dragon who had descended.

“He… hey? Re, really? I have been followed!?”

The huge dragon emerged from the magic circle by opening its mouth!

“OPPPAAAAIIIIII!!!!”

I, Ise!? Is it Ise? It’s, it’s surely the familiar sukebe roar that made me sure that it is Ise!

Gasper said to Ernestine,

“Ernestine, you are indeed my best pupil. The Galnstein House line sure are sophisticated.”

“Yes, Vladi-Sensei. We have assured now that father has sent here.”

The huge dragon, the future Ise said to future Gasper. *Gya-suke, it seems like you’re having a rough time, do things go under control?*

“No, it’s just I’m a bit… missed out.”

I could see that the living cyborg, Ruma Idra, were shaking its entire body strong enough to be seen and showed a beep sign.

“W, why are you here Sekiryuutei? You should have been fighting my Lord in the war according to our strategy.”

Ernestine laughed in small voice.

“Rezzo Roado? Was that the being had just fought against father a while ago?"

The huge dragon… **Ise grabbed a mechanical arm on his large**

hand and used the fingers to pick his nose.

“It seems that it has withdrawn, leaving its arm.”

Ruma Idra became speechless at hearing Ernestine’s words.

“Damn! You… you could tear off the arm of one of the Seven Magnificient Hunters! They have the strength of a God! Red monster! “

Dragon Ise laughed on Ruma Idra on the edge of his mouth.

"Oooo, it’s often said like that. Time to settle this, Loki, Ruma Idra.*

However, he wrapped his expression into his aura, packing it into his rage. A mass of head-breaking, massive aura began to dominate the area violently.

"You dabbled with Asia. You may be a God, but what you had done is unforgivable.*

The Crimson Dragon was overwhelming in terms of both absolute confidence and invincible strength here.

Apparently, the future Ise was dealing with the other five parents[42] and this became the reason why he could not attend the future Asia when she was cursed. It could be said that the root of this incident was that not all of his family members were able to be together at the same time! What a guy!

“Moooveee!”

When Ruma Idra shone and released its power, it could call upon a battleship and used it as its body and it was said that he could tear off mountains. However, Gasper was able to stop its movement! It did not make any sense!? Should I choose which one is the strongest of the Invade Fanatics, my choice would go to Rezzo Roado.

The salvo began to ring again and resumed its charge.

Dragon Ise increased the volume of his large chest. The next

moment was something impossible, as **he breathed fiery inferno sphere at maximum power and blows up the salvo of the battleship!** Without its barrier or the cyborg copies, it was instantly defeated.

The explosion covered the entire one side of the sky! The sea surface was shaken and rippled violently, and even the trees in the forest of the mountains could feel the shock.

As the smoke cleared, there was still a figure of Ruma Idra's body, partially destroyed. Every part of its body was covered in smoke, from the hull down to the bottom. The massive, ridiculous flame contained very large amount of aura that put it on the onset that its body was almost entirely malfunctioned. This was not something you could take it head-on for God-Class beings.

"Loki-dono, our condition are bad to continue to fight. We must withdraw…"

Before he could finish speaking, Ruma Idra's entire body system… the battleship was tied with **a rope made of light.**

The rope of light is a method that I taught to them just in case.

To my surprise, Ruma Idra did not resist at all.

"It's an arrest barrier for all of you. I think I've already stretched the barrier too much, you know?"

Ruma Idra seemed not to respond to my words.

"Having analysis from each fight, and you can develop a method of countermeasure. Indeed, the children of the Sekiryuutei are reliable to come to this era."

So, I'm fighting these "UL" creatures, stretched as far as I can each time. It's something worth fighting, but there was also the implication of preventing time collapse and paradoxes. Meanwhile, we analysed these beings' method of attack, and develop the corresponding countermeasures from the information we could gather and explore different methods and techniques. Barriers and different types of techniques, the rope of light was one of the techs

that I taught to them. There is also the effective armor of Typhon, and captured war machines that I doubt would see some use in the future.

Ise's children gathered around Ruma Idra, everyone had a high spirit against it, and if it ever moved a single finger as a means of escaping, the kids would not hesitate to tear its battleship main body piece by piece.

"Kuh! It's just my skin color!"

Loki had determined that the situation was losing for him and was looking for a way to escape and leave this place!

And just as they had noticed, Ex and Airi had been waiting to hold him up. Ex swung his crimson sword charged with Power of Destruction in high speed!

Loki's sharp reflexes, either because he received it right on his face or being exhausted after the battle, were cut down by Ex.

"A payback for Asia-kaasan. **Wanna a free kiss?**"

Ex's words were still full of anger. That's the attitude of Ise's son.

Gasper said to Loki and Ruma Idra.

"Do you wanna know why I don't just stop time and have other abilities? It's because I want to learn what I can do with my body, and how far I can reach it."

Then, Airi plunged to Loki until his blood spurted out. Behind her, **Fafnir stood with burning rage mixed with his aura on his large silhouette.**

"You bullied my mom!"

Part 3: Days of Future Past

“You bullied Airi-tan!”

“”Absolutely not allowed!”"

Again, Airi and Fafnir raised their voice clad in rage and emotions, and released their aura when they punch Loki deep in the gut. That was the blow of Ise’s daughter.

Loki tried to bent his body with the air to reduce the hit.

“I, Idiots…”

He said that, and he fell to the sea surface.

Had arrested Ruma Idra and watched Loki fell to the sea, Gasper spoke with a different tone.

“Evil God Loki and the [UL], those who came from the parallel world. You have disturbed the Gremory household and Sekiryuutei family. Those who quarrel with our peace are not allowed to do anything as they like, even if there are many things involved.”

From those words, it was clear that these punks had hurt their important person… and gave pursuit to this era, and were overthrown from their position. was there one person that cannot be touched in any era? Both Loki and the [UL].

The battle is over, and I could finally take a breath. I removed my armour. I need to thank Typhon later. It seemed that the request was unlikely even for a big deal. I moved with all the future gang and the present folks to the distant mountains.

Issei and the other present ORC members were left stunned after the time stop resolved. Since it would be bad if they saw all of this, I also asked the kids to put them to sleep, placing them on the beach of the earlier battleground, and removed any clues that might lead them to question this forbidden front. It was for the future; say what you will.

The other children… Kurenai, Shirayuki, and Kuroibara had also joined, and all of the future faces were here. It was amazing to see a dozen people of this a different era together.

… Um, one of my students was flying in the air, it was Ise who became a dragon.

“Seems like you have changed a lot.”

"Hahaha, that’s because powerful, large-scale techniques fits better in this form."

The future Ise laughed excitingly. He still knew how to laugh even after three decades of taking dragon form.

Although I also want to see his human form after 30 years… This was rather extravagant. I could only feel happy and satisfied to see the dragon’s appearance.

Robertina immediately analysed the captured Loki (albeit fainted), while Helmwige said

“Dad, we have almost done analysing Loki.”

“It’s only matter of time for us to lift Asia-kaasan’s curse!”

Ooo, so **you were able to draw it out and extract the spell from Loki to some extent!** Well, I would just let them make Loki talk later.

Zen and Shin cried when they heard it.

“Thank God…”

“Uuuh, the worth for coming here is equal…”

The Nekomata Sister cried while hugging each other.

“I’m glad, nyaaaaaaaannn!”

“Me too, it’s wonderful!”

Airi, while crying in tears, said with a smile,

“Mom, when you wake up, please hand down to me the House of Hyoudou’s secret technique of making porridge…”

The eldest son, Kurenai held Ex’s shoulder after closing in.

“I’m glad we came here.”

“…Yeah.”

Ex’s voice was shaking with tears. Tears, relief and joy worked wonder on him, but he did not want the other siblings saw him like that. The brave, stout-hearted, fearless crimson swordsman who fought was also just a boy raised in this good family.

Gasper said as he watched the heartwarming scene.

“It’s all up to me for the clean up in this era.”

I see. It was because Gasper was the one who governed time, so he needed to erase the traces of the children, the [UL], and Ise.

The truth is, Gasper and I had already altered the memory of Ise’s group who felt asleep on the beach. In the altered memory, it would seems that we had defeated weapons and monsters of ancient origin along with the Grigori members.

It was a pity, I decided not to ask what happened in the last decade they are living.

After that, it would be the work of memory alteration of Rias’ group. I would also join in.

Ruma Idra had already transferred back to the future. I left it to the folks there to give his verdict.

And so, here came the farewell.

Dragon Ise had his children expanded the magic circle used for the time travel on their feet.

I… could not bring myself to talk. No more. It would not be good for me to know more about the situation in the future. Even if these

people knew, it was something not being allowed to speak.

As the magic circle increased the glow… Ise could only said this.

"Sensei, farewell then*

“It was good to meet you and your children of your girls. All of you have grown.”

After a simple farewell words, Ise and I exchanged smiles.

It was enough. Things like, ‘How is your life since then?’ or ‘Is your life good?’ were not the kind of words you wanted to hear in such situation.

The truth was, I want to speak to him in the good future of this world. I could see this too on Ise’s eyes.

The teleportation shone further, but Ex still hanged on to me.

“First Governor! Take care!”

“Aaa”

“Can we meet again? I also want to consult something about you.”

“Can we do some erotic talk?”

I laughed as Ex had his face red

As the magic circle shone its last flash, the children shouted in unison.

“““Goodbye!”””

Dragon Ise shouted the last of the last of the farewell.

“OPPPAAAIIIII!”

They went back to the future, leaving Gasper and I.

Geez, even in the future you are still Oppai Dragon. It seems like you guys had profited with it very much. Thus, the dense feeling of

my strange experience had almost come to an end.

-DxD-

Ten days have passed from that time.

I was sitting on a bench at a park in the afternoon, looking at the sky while eating a chocolate bar.

After the future Gasper finished all of his work, he met me after dark, and went back to his own timeline.

The memory alteration work had also been done somehow with good results.

I heard Gasper luckily on my way back.

“Do I need to erase me and the other leaders’ memories?”

Yeah, it were not just me, but every one of the VIPs including Odin and Sirzechs, who relied on this information this time. On top of that, we made a cooperation by making a pact with Typhon.

Gasper only showed a meaningful smile like he did before.

Unexpectedly, the VIP group… me included, might do something that could heat things up. If the future Gasper is counted as a Super Devil, it will not be strange for us supernatural beings to make precautions and becoming enemies.

Possibly, the memory that I had now…

However, Gasper only said this when he left.

“Please just remember this. In the near future, the [UL] will hit this world again. It may become a war, but incidents of this kind is one of the worst. I do not want it to happen again. This is our purpose for coming here.”

From his words, I could say that Ex and Gasper had left something to prevent time travel incidents to be happened again. In short, time travel and stuff may not happen at all in this timeline.

It may be, but I was not only understanding the point, but also the details.

I had a wry smile when I looked at Ise and Asia who were shopping at a convenience store. When they lowered the bags, I reflected a strange eyes that I had been talking to an old woman at the entrance of the park.

I decided to look closer at the pavilion on whim.

A conversation was held between three people, and the old lady bowed her head down, thanking Asia.

“Thank you for taking care of me last time, good daughter.”

Hush!

I was satisfied. So this was the grandma who had been helped by Airi on the other day.

Asia did not know it at all, and I could see a big question mark on the blank space on top of her head.

“Eh, ee…”

Ise smiled when he looked at Asia’s direction.

“Asia, your kindness might have helped this old lady unconsciously.”

“Uh, maybe you’re right.”

Asia slanted her neck, but the old woman took out a candy from her bag and giving it to her.

“Thank you, young lady.”

I grinned out unconsciously from this sight.

Apparently, did you guys drop something? Oh well, It would be good if someone were able to remember them.

I talked to them abruptly after they had done helping the old

woman.

“Well, Ise, Asia. If you two have a child, what name will you use?”

The two of them got red and embarrassed “W, what’s that question!?” as they showed a naïve reaction.

I gave a mischievous smile as two person standing behind me, Rias and Akeno got my attention.

"Hey Azazel, do not say something strange to those two in front of me.”

“Exactly.”

Looking back, the rest of the Occult Research Club had already at the park.

And I scheduled to go to the beach more earlier today.

I looked at everyone. Those who had not yet happened and don’t have the memory, it is only matter of time in a couple of decades.

“Okay, people. We go to the beach.”

Now, let’s go without thinking of anything today.

-DxD-

This is the entire top-secret story as I had told a handful of people at the beginning.

Again, this important information must never let out to anyone. When the time comes, this would be useful to some point.

Do not try to disclose this or attempt to destroy this record.

..Um, since you would have heard it all, why not keep it to yourself?

After all, you guys win.

You win, and lead a happy and peaceful life.

Consider this as an absolute order from your teacher.

Translator's Notes and References

1. ↑ Reminder, this literally means "fighting spirit" but in DxD refers to life force energy that can affect others
2. ↑ It seems that it's read as 'ool' not 'yu el'
3. ↑ Kanji: Breast language translation
4. ↑ TN: Yes people, I am almost certain the Katekana says Pailingual not Bilingual
5. ↑ To clarify, the Japanese is using 3 separate terms for evil gods: Akujin, Jashin, and Majin. For consistency, I've chosen to translate akujin as evil god, jashin as malevolent god, and majin as demon.
6. ↑ Kanji: Twilight of the Gods
7. ↑ sound effect implying strong pressure, usually from anger
8. ↑ Kanji: Red Dragon Emperor's Gauntlet
9. ↑ The Kanji for God Slayer is "God slaying dragon child"
10. ↑ White Dragon Emperor
11. ↑ Kanji: Red Dragon
12. ↑ Kanji: Four Generals
13. ↑ Not completely sure about that line. It might be the equivalent of maternity leave.
14. ↑ Snow White is called Shirayuki Hime in Japanese, using the same Kanji. Kurobara means black thorn.
15. ↑ This is a highly interpretive translation. Ragou, the reading for the first two Kanji, doesn't actually translate. It's a proper noun for a being also known as Rahu, which is associated with eclipses. Moreover, both Rahu and the Seven Luminaries are part of the Navagraha.
16. ↑ Kanji: Four Generals
17. ↑ Father and mother
18. ↑ Kanji: Vermillion Bird
19. ↑ Also known as Fenghuang, the chinese phoenix
20. ↑ Up until now, Airi's name was the only one written in Katekana other than Ex. Here though, it is written in Kanji.
21. ↑ Kanji: Four Generals

22. ↑ Tai Sabaki is a defensive body movement. It is used not just to evade attacks but to give the user an advantage at the same time
23. ↑ Kanji: Gauntlet of the Red Dragon King Crown Prince (Yes, it says 'king' not emperor)
24. ↑ See Yorishiro
25. ↑ Kanji: Heavenly Raiment of the Golden Dragon Monarch
26. ↑ Fafnir refers to himself as 'Ore-sama'. I tried to convey that meaning.
27. ↑ Kanji: Demon Move Transformation
28. ↑ Kanji: Forbidden Move
29. ↑ Kanji: Demon Move
30. ↑ Kanji: Armor of the Golden Dragon Monarch
31. ↑ Two swords once wielded by Okita Souji. No connection to the Holy Spirit of Christianity but it's not the only case of famous Japanese swords being Holy Swords in DxD.
32. ↑ Airi's name, again, is usually written just with Katakana (the same is true of Ise in many cases). In Kanji though, it's written '愛理', which has the characters of love and truth/reason/justice.
33. ↑ Gasper refers to himself with the feminine 'watashi'
34. ↑ Azazel notes that the golem is similar to the [UL] appeared there.
35. ↑ "Warfighter" denotes any military personnel with combat roles. The most recent use in popular media would be Medal of Honor: Warfighter
36. ↑ Ex refers to Millicas as 俺の叔父 - "Ore no oji" (My uncle). This might sound strange, but since Millicas is older, this makes sense if you consider that Ex uses it as a sign of honour (even though they are first cousins).
37. ↑ No, really. Kanji is おば上, meaning "aunt"
38. ↑ A term in Japanese Martial Arts, usually translated as "Assistant Grand Master" or "Teaching Master".
39. ↑ Tesseract?
40. ↑ likely a shout-out to Another Novel/Manga
41. ↑ 300 meters
42. ↑ meaning his other wives/local wife/mistress